



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 6.5 million people currently live with chronic wounds, with incidence rising due to an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, peripheral artery disease, obesity, and late effects of radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS, untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb, and

WHEREAS, more than 30 million people have diabetes in the United States and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of June 3-7, 2019 as

Wound Care Awareness Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this sixteenth day of April, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Lee H. Ragsdale

Secretary of State

