



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that 6.7 million people in the United States currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow at more than 2 percent annually for the next decade; and
- WHEREAS:** This rising prevalence is fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and
- WHEREAS:** Untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and the possibility of amputation of the affected limb. The chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and
- WHEREAS:** More than 30.3 million people, or 9.4 percent of the population, have diabetes in the United States and nearly 2 million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound. Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and
- WHEREAS:** Advanced wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients and seeing their patients succeed; and
- WHEREAS:** Awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. 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, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 3-7, 2019, as WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Timothy K. Fleming

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