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 whereof, 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.

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GOVERNOR

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