



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: An estimated 6.7 million people in the U.S. live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow steadily throughout the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: Untreated chronic wounds can lead to a diminished quality of life and possibly the amputation of an affected limb. The treatment of chronic wounds costs the healthcare system more than \$50 billion per year; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30 million people in the U.S. have diabetes and approximately two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and
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- WHEREAS: Greater awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. This week, organizations like Healogics will 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, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim June 6–10, 2016 as TITLE OF PROCLAMATION in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF