



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly 7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the rising incidence 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 possibly 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 37.3 million people (11.3% of population) have diabetes in the United States (US). America's diabetic population is expected to nearly double by 2030, it is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers. Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, 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 patients.

THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim June 6-10, 2022, 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 thirteenth day of May 2022.



Bill Lee

Governor

Lu Hargett

Secretary of State