



## Proclamation By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 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 a diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb; and*

*WHEREAS, the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4% of population) 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, 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;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 4-8, 2018, as*

### *Wound Care Awareness Week*

*in the State of Alabama and to raise awareness to patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the  
City of Montgomery on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor