



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people live with chronic wounds, and that number is expected to grow at a rate of more than 2 percent annually for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the rising incidence of chronic wounds is fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and such conditions as diabetes, obesity and the effects of radiation therapy; and

WHEREAS, untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and amputation of the affected limb; and

WHEREAS, the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system, with more than 30.3 million diabetics in the United States, of which almost 2 million will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients faster and more cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, wound care physicians and healthcare providers take great pride in caring for their patients and seeing their patients succeed; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit Idahoans now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, 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, C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-8, 2018 to be

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.



C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE