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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 6.7 million Americans suffer from a chronic or non-healing wound (defined as a sore or wound that does not significantly improve using conventional treatments), and that number is expected to grow due to an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, peripheral artery disease, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and,

**WHEREAS**, untreated chronic or non-healing wounds are associated with inadequate circulation, poorly functioning veins, and immobility, and can lead to diminished quality of life and possible amputation of the affected limb; and,

**WHEREAS**, chronic or non-healing wound care costs our healthcare system approximately \$50 billion annually; and,

**WHEREAS**, advanced, specialized wound care can aid in wound closure, new tissue growth, wound tissue regeneration, and much more – greatly improving patient outcomes and reducing costs to our healthcare system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, clinicians, and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Woody Jacobs, Mayor of the City of Cullman, on behalf of the Cullman City Council and our citizens, do hereby proclaim June 4-10, 2017, as

## WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Cullman, thanking those professionals who specialize in the treatment of chronic and non-healing wounds and encouraging our citizens to learn more about the field of advanced wound care.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cullman to be affixed on this, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
Woody Jacobs

Mayor