

STATE OF DELAWARE



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STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

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 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. More than 29.1 million people (9.3% of population) have diabetes in the United States (US) and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound. Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

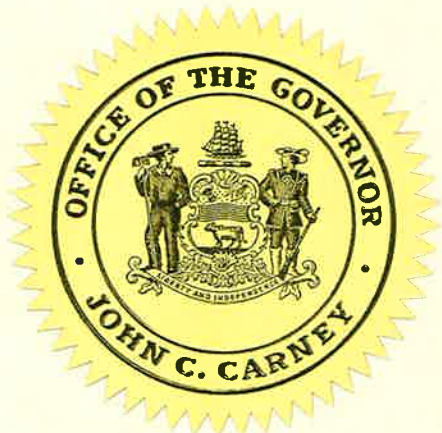
Whereas, wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients, and seeing their patients succeed. The Healogics mission of "helping as many patients as they can, everywhere they can, by the best means available," is the guiding light for the treatment of chronic wound; and

Whereas, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.

*Now, Therefore, We, John Carney, Governor,
and Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare June 4-10, 2017*

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in the state of Delaware, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.



John C. Carney

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Governor

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