

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

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. 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. Untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb.

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 Awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients; 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; and

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim June 5th to the 10th, 2017 to be,

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this First Day of June, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts