

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

June 1-7, 2017

## 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. The rising incidence is fueled by an aging population, 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 possible amputation of the affected limb. The chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 29.1 million people (9.3% of the population) have diabetes in the United States and almost two million of these 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 them succeed; 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 general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 1-7, 2017 as Wound Care Awareness Week in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder  
Governor

