



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 6.7 MILLION PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVE WITH CHRONIC WOUNDS, AND THAT NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE MORE THAN TWO PERCENT ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT DECADE; AND

WHEREAS, THE INCREASE IS CAUSED BY AN AGING POPULATION AND INCREASING RATES OF DISEASES AND CONDITIONS SUCH AS DIABETES, OBESITY, AND UNTREATED EFFECTS OF RADIATION THERAPY, AND THE RESULTING CHRONIC WOUNDS CAN LEAD TO A DIMINISHED QUALITY OF LIFE AND POSSIBLE AMPUTATION OF THE AFFECTED LIMB; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHRONIC WOUND ISSUE REPRESENTS A COST OF MORE THAN \$50 BILLION TO THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND MORE THAN 29 MILLION PEOPLE (WHICH IS OVER 9 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S POPULATION) HAVE DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES, OF WHOM ALMOST TWO MILLION WILL DEVELOP A DIABETIC FOOT ULCER OR OTHER NON-HEALING WOUND; AND

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT CHRONIC WOUNDS WILL BENEFIT CURRENT AND FUTURE CHRONIC WOUND PATIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, PHYSICIANS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVANCED WOUND CARE AND ITS ABILITY TO SAVE LIVES AND LIMBS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 4TH THROUGH THE 10TH, 2017, AS

“WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 11TH DAY OF MAY 2017.

ATTEST:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

