



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**

2017

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the number of people currently living with chronic wounds is estimated at 6.7 million and expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, the rising incidence is fueled by an aging population as well as increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated chronic wounds, which represent an estimated cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system, can lead to diminished quality of life and possible amputation of the affected limb; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 29.1 million people in the United States have diabetes, almost two million of whom are expected to develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

**WHEREAS**, wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients and seeing their patients succeed; advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster, more cost-effective way; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina supports raising awareness and education about chronic wounds that 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 in its ability to save lives and limbs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the first week in June, 2017, as “**WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.