



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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 a 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; and

WHEREAS, more than 30.3 million people (9.4% of population) have diabetes in the United States and almost two million of those people 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 seeing their patients succeed; and

WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 4-8, 2018, as

Wound Care Awareness Week

in the State of Alabama and to raise awareness to patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 20th day of April 2018.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor