

WHEREAS; lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the potential benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT), in particular, may leave many people struggling with chronic wounds without access to life-changing care; and

WHEREAS; HBOT is an effective treatment option for wounds, infections, or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment and is most commonly used to treat diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and

WHEREAS; of the millions of Americans diagnosed with cancer each year, research suggests that about half of them have received radiation therapy, and many patients who undergo radiation therapy may develop late radiation tissue injury, which HBOT might help by stimulating the growth of new blood vessels; and

WHEREAS; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 38 million Americans have diabetes, and HBOT can provide necessary oxygenation, which is critical in the prevention of amputation in the case of diabetic foot ulcers; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins dedicated professionals, organizations, and advocates in spreading national, statewide, and local awareness of available treatment options—including HBOT—for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds, and diabetes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2024 as

HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of April 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State