

WHEREAS; it is estimated that nearly 7 million people in the United States currently live with chronic wounds, and coupled with an aging population and increasing rates of conditions and diseases like diabetes, obesity, and late effects of radiation therapy, that number is expected to grow; and

WHEREAS; chronic wounds are categorized as wounds that do not progress through a normal and timely sequence of healing, typically a duration of under eight weeks, and are often exacerbated by underlying conditions; and

WHEREAS; untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and even amputation of the affected limb, and research suggests that the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the United States healthcare system every year; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 37.3 million individuals, 11.3 percent of the population, have diabetes in the United States, and many of these individuals will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wounds; and

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

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

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins wound care patients, their families, physicians, and the general public in raising awareness of the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim June 5 through 9 2023 as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

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 9th day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State