

WHEREAS; it is estimated that 6.7 million people in the United States currently live with chronic wounds, and that number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade, 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 diminished quality of life and even amputation of the affected limb, and the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the United States healthcare system every year; and

WHEREAS; it is estimated that 34.2 million Americans have diabetes in the United States—a number that is expected to double by 2030—and that nearly two million of these individuals 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 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 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 7 through 11, 2021, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State