



# *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 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*, 34.2 million Americans have diabetes and 2 million are struggling to heal a diabetic foot ulcer; and

*WHEREAS*, America's diabetic population is expected to nearly double by 2030, it is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers; and

*WHEREAS*, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

*WHEREAS*, advanced 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; 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 and its ability to save lives and limbs;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim June 7-11, 2021, as

# *Wound Care Awareness Week*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor