

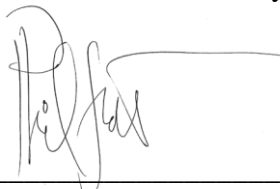
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- 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 disease 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 where the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 29.1 million people, 9.5 percent of the population, have diabetes in the United States, and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or another 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,** the goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the public about the importance of advanced wound care its ability to save and limbs and lives.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 4-11, 2017 as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

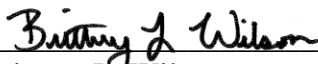
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of June, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs