

**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. 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. Wound care 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. 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. 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.

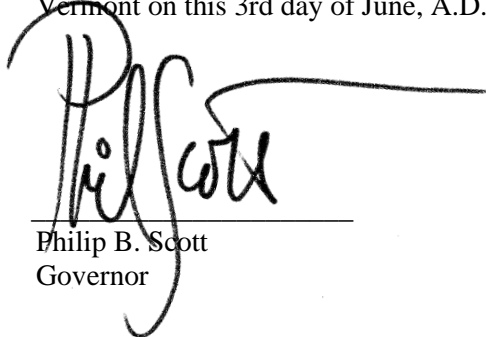
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 7-11, 2021 as

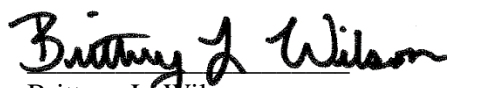
WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of June, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs