

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, it is estimated that nearly 7 million people in the United States currently live with chronic wounds. 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 health care system; and

WHEREAS, more than 37.3 million people (11.3% of population) have diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes in the United States. The number of Americans with diabetes is expected to continue to rise through 2030 eventually resulting in 1 in 3 Americans having diabetes by 2050. It is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers. 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

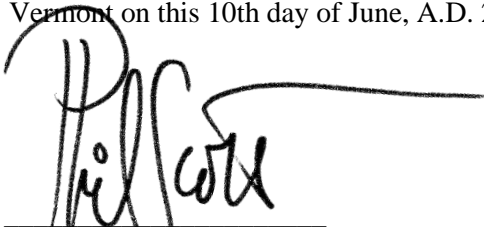
WHEREAS, awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 6-10, 2022 as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

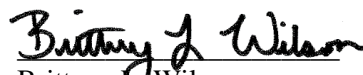
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of June, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs