

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: It is estimated that 6.7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow two percent annually for the next decade; and
- WHEREAS: The rising incidence of chronic wounds 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 diminish quality of life and possibly lead to the amputation of an affected limb; and
- WHEREAS: Chronic wounds annually cost the health care system more than \$50 billion; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30.3 million people, nearly 10 percent of the population, have diabetes in the United States and almost 2 million of those people 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 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: Wound Care Awareness Week informs 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-8, 2018, as:

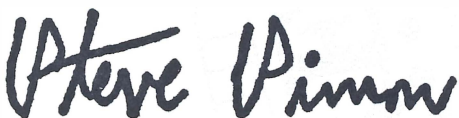
## WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE