

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

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. The chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system.

WHEREAS: More than 30 million people (9.5% of total population) have diabetes in the United States (US) and almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound. 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; 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;

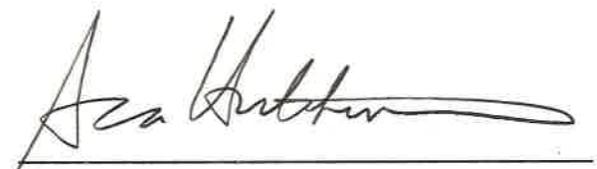
NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim June 6th through June 10th, 2016, as

WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK

across the State, and I urge all citizens to recognize the causes, dangers, and solutions for chronic wounds and seek to better understand the issues facing those at risk for chronic wounds.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 2nd day of June, in the year of our Lord 2016.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State