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North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
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PROCLAMATION
WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK
JUNE 5-9, 2017

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 6.7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow at more than 2 percent annually for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the United States health care system; and

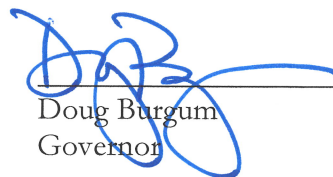
WHEREAS, more than 29.1 million people have diabetes in the United States and almost 2 million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound; and

WHEREAS, advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

WHEREAS, 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 limbs and lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 5-9, 2017, **WOUND CARE AWARENESS WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State