

# PROCLAMATION

## *From the Office of the Mayor The City of Dayton, Ohio*

*WHEREAS, Over 7 million people in the US are living with chronic wounds, an underserved population of people due to the lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the beneficial effects of hyperbaric oxygen therapy; and*

*WHEREAS, Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a treatment option for wounds, infections or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment, and there are currently fourteen indications for HBOT recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other third-party payors; and*

*WHEREAS, Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is most commonly used in the treatment of diabetic ulcers of lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and*

*WHEREAS, Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and of the 17 million people diagnosed with cancer in the US per year, about half of them have received radiation therapy; and*

*WHEREAS, After beating cancer, many patients who undergo radiation therapy discover a hidden complication that may not come to light until years after they concluded treatments, as radiation does not differentiate between cancerous and healthy tissue, and 5-15% of patients who undergo radiation therapy may have late radiation tissue injury; and*

*WHEREAS, HBOT has emerged as a treatment option for patients who suffer from late side effects of radiation therapy, believed to help patients by stimulating growth of new blood vessels following radiation-induced damage, and within the over 34 million people in the US who have diabetes, 25% will develop a foot ulcer, in which hyperbaric oxygen therapy provides necessary oxygenation critical in limb preservation; and*

*WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness USA and the Hyperbaric Aware campaign aim to spread national, statewide, and local awareness to benefit the people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds and diabetes, wherein prolonging lives, avoiding amputations, and reducing the cost of care to ensure an improvement on the quality of life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nan Whaley, Mayor of the City of Dayton, do hereby proclaim the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as*

## *Hyperbaric Awareness Day*

*in Dayton*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dayton to be affixed the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2021*

*Nan Whaley*  
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Mayor