

WHEREAS, more than 8 million people in the United States are living with chronic wounds; and

WHEREAS, a lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy leaves many people without access to high-quality healing care; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy involves breathing 100% oxygen while in a pressurized chamber; and

WHEREAS, it heals damaged tissue by helping the body grow new skin, blood vessels, and connective tissue; and

WHEREAS, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a proven treatment for wounds, infections, and injuries that have not responded to standard therapies; and

WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness USA and the Hyperbaric Aware campaign work to spread awareness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment options for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, those awareness campaigns aim to prolong lives, avoid amputations, reduce the cost of care, and improve quality of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY AWARENESS MONTH

Lieutenant Governor

on this 1st day of May 2023.

Mike DeWine