




# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is  
presented to all observing*

### Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Awareness Month

#### May 2023

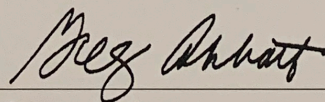
More than eight million Americans currently live with chronic wounds. This number is expected to rise due to an aging population and increased rates of diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. Wound care may also be increasingly necessary due to the lasting effects of cancer treatments, surgeries, and traumatic injuries. If untreated, non-healing wounds can lead to diminished quality of life, infection, amputation, or other complications, making chronic wounds a concerning public health issue.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is a treatment option for wounds, infections, or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment. HBOT is most commonly used in the treatment of diabetic ulcers in the lower extremities, radiation injury to bone or tissue, compromised grafts and flaps, and chronic refractory osteomyelitis, along with chronic wounds.

In Texas, we know that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them. At this time, I join you in your efforts to educate the public about hyperbaric oxygen therapy and to support patients who need it.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 1st day of May, 2023.



Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas