

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, more than 8 million people in the US are living with chronic wounds lack of awareness of advanced wound care and benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy leaves many people without access to life changing care; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Many patients who undergo radiation therapy discover a hidden complication that may not come to light until years after they complete treatments, radiation therapy can restrict oxygen in the body's healthy tissue which is needed for the tissue to thrive, if there is a break in the integrity of the tissue, infection and non-healing wounds can occur, about 15 percent of patients who undergo radiation therapy may develop late radiation tissue injury; and

WHEREAS, HBOT has emerged as a treatment option for patients who suffer from late radiation tissue injury, HBOT helps patients by stimulating growth of new blood vessels following radiation-induced damage; and

WHEREAS Hyperbaric Awareness and the Hyperbaric Aware campaign aim to spread national, statewide, and local awareness of available treatment options for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds and diabetes, thus prolonging lives, avoiding amputations and reducing the cost of care and improving quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laura Kelly, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim, May 2024, as

Hyperbaric Awareness Month

in the state of Kansas and I urge all citizens to join in this observation.



DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of
the State this 1st day of
May, A.D. 2024

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Laura Kelly

Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State