

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, more than 8 million people in the United States live with chronic wounds, but a lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the benefits of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) leaves many people without access to life-changing care; and

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

WHEREAS, HBOT 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, HBOT provides necessary oxygenation, which can reduce the risk of amputation among the more than 34 million people in the United States who have diabetes and are at risk of developing foot ulcers;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the state of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2024

HYBERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to raise awareness of hyperbaric medical treatment.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor