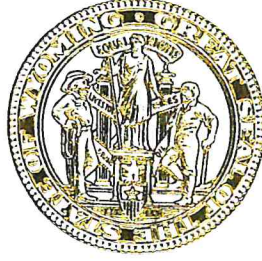


Governor's Proclamation



HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH 2024

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.

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 15 indications for HBOT recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other third-party payors.

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.

WHEREAS, many patients who undergo radiation therapy discover a hidden complication that may not come to light until years after they complete treatments. About 15 percent of patients who undergo radiation therapy may develop late radiation tissue injury.

WHEREAS, Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (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.

WHEREAS, more than 37 million people in the US have diabetes, and 25 percent of them will develop a foot ulcer, possibly leading to amputation. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy provides necessary oxygenation which is critical in preventing amputation.

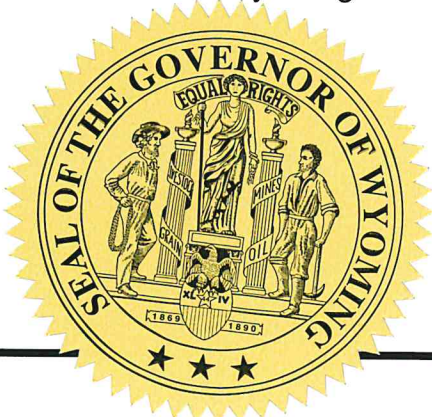
WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness USATM and the Hyperbaric Aware campaign aim to spread national, statewide, and local awareness of available treatment options for people suffering from radiation injury, chronic wounds and diabetes, thus prolonging lives, avoiding amputations and reducing the cost of care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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby recognize May 1-31, 2024 as

Hyperbaric Awareness Month.

in Wyoming.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed on the 30th day of April, 2024.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Gordon".

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming