

Office Of The Mayor



City Of Milford

Anthony S. Giannattasio
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

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 treatment option for wounds, infections, or injuries. There are currently fifteen indications for HBOT recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 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, cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States. Of the 18 million people diagnosed with cancer in the US, about half of them have received radiation therapy. About 15 percent of patients who undergo radiation therapy develop late radiation tissue injury; and

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

WHEREAS, Hyperbaric Awareness USA and the Hyperbaric Aware campaign aim to spread local, state, and national awareness of available treatment options for people suffering, thus prolonging lives, avoiding amputations and reducing the cost of care and improving quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTHONY S. GIANNATTASIO MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 1- May 31, 2024, as **Hyperbaric Awareness Month**.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of The City of Milford to be affixed.


Mayor, City of Milford, Connecticut

