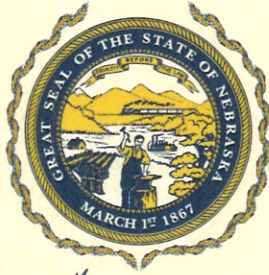


STATE OF NEBRASKA



Proclamation

WHEREAS,

More than eight million people in the U.S. are living with chronic wounds. Lack of awareness of advanced wound care and the 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 15 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 chronic refractory osteomyelitis; and

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

Over 37 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, and 25% of them will develop a foot ulcer, possibly leading to amputation. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy provides necessary oxygenation, which is critical in preventing amputation; 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, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of May 2024 as

HYPERBARIC AWARENESS MONTH

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Eighth Day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-four.



Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor