

Proclamation

Be it known that

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 (HBO) is a proven treatment option for wounds, infections or injuries that have not responded to standard treatment. There are currently fifteen indications for HBO 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,

Over 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.; and

Whereas,

Hyperbaric Awareness USA 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; and

Now, Therefore,

*I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,
do hereby proclaim*

May 19-25, 2024

as

Hyperbaric Awareness Week

in Austin.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the seal of the City
of Austin to be affixed this 19th Day of
May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Four*

Kirk Watson

Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin

