

*Office of Mayor Jason Lewis*

*and the*

*Aurora City Council*

## City of Aurora, Missouri

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** it is estimated that nearly 7 million people currently live with chronic wounds and that number is expected to grow at more than two percent annually for the next decade; and

**WHEREAS,** the rising incidence is fueled by an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and the late effects of radiation therapy; and

**WHEREAS,** untreated chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and possibly amputation of the affected limb. The chronic wound epidemic represents a cost of more than \$50 billion to the healthcare system; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 37.3 million people (11.3% of population) have diabetes in the United States (US). America's diabetic population is expected to nearly double by 2030, it is important to know the risks associated with diabetic foot ulcers. Almost two million of those people will develop a diabetic foot ulcer or other non-healing wound. Advanced wound care aims to prevent amputations and heal patients in a faster and more cost-effective way; and

**WHEREAS,** wound care physicians and health care providers take great pride in caring for their patients, and seeing their patients succeed; and

**WHEREAS,** awareness and education about chronic wounds will benefit current and future chronic wound patients. The goal of Wound Care Awareness Week is to inform patients, their families, community physicians, and the public about the importance of advanced wound care and its ability to save lives and limbs.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jason Lewis, Mayor of the City of Aurora, do hereby proclaim June 05-09, 2023, as Wound Care Awareness Week.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of The City of Aurora and this 23<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

## Wound Care Awareness Week

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Jason Lewis, Mayor

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Tony Kennedy, Chairman Pro Tem

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Dawn Oplinger, Councilwoman

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Theresa Pettit, Councilwoman

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Josh Blades, Councilman

ATTEST:  
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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk