

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Multiple System Atrophy is a rare degenerative and terminal neurological disease, which has a distinctive impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition, MSA affects approximately 50,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include problems with balance, coordination, gait, bladder and bowel functions, speech, swallowing, and breathing; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to MSA care includes physical, psychological, and financial support for patients and caregivers, including support groups; and

WHEREAS, there are some medications that treat the symptoms and some clinical trials for the development of improved treatment, much more research is needed for better management of the disease and ultimately, a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and awareness are needed to assist in accurately diagnosing MSA and to raise funds for research for treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS, March has been proclaimed as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month among the MSA worldwide community in dealing with the effects of MSA.

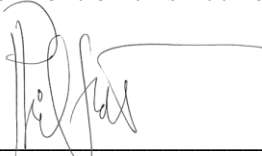
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March, 2017 as

MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

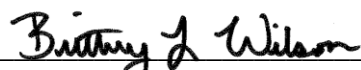
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of March, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs