State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, neurofibromatosis (NF), a debilitating tumor disorder, affects over 130,000

Americans regardless of race, ethnicity, or sex; and

WHEREAS, NF is a highly variable and unpredictable genetic disorder of the nervous system that

affects almost every organ system in the body; and

WHEREAS, complications of NF can cause brain and spinal tumors, benign and malignant

tumors, severe pain, bone abnormalities, blindness, deafness, cardiovascular disease,

disfigurement, learning disabilities and even death; and

WHEREAS, patients and families are at the heart of NF Northeast's mission, the organization

brings hope to those affected by NF through their advocacy, support, and awareness;

and

WHEREAS, NF Northeast has worked for over 36 years on its mission to find a cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, growing awareness of NF has resulted in increased investment in research through

private charities such as NF Northeast and the NF Research Program in the Department of Defense which has resulted in new clinical trials involving application

of drugs which have been shown to reduce malignant tumors in cancer; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of NF will help initiate critical research; and

WHEREAS, NF Northeast visualizes a world where the burden of NF does not exist; and

WHEREAS, the NF patients and families of Vermont are determined to make NF a household

word.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2024 as

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Wermon, on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Sco

Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs