

**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.

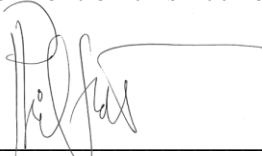
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March, 2017 as

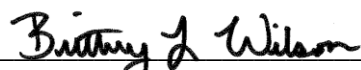
**MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



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

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs