

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the state of Vermont had the highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the number of anaplasmosis cases in Vermont has quadrupled since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease, anaplasmosis and other tickborne diseases can be prevented by engaging in healthy behaviors such as using appropriate repellants, conducting frequent tick checks, and safely removing ticks; and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed in their early stages, most cases of tickborne diseases can be treated effectively.

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

TICKBORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs