

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of one in 1,600 to 4,000 live births each year and 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the lifelong health concerns and treatments resulting from pediatric stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke, since pediatric stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults, and only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for pediatric stroke be identified and developed; and

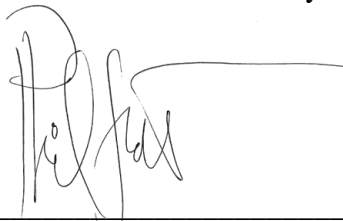
WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence.

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

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs