

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** despite the advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African American men having the lowest life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS,** educating both health care providers and the public about the importance of maintaining healthy lifestyle choices as well as early detection of male health problems will result in reduced rates of mortality from disease; and
- WHEREAS,** men who are aware of the value that preventative health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as a productive, family-oriented member of society will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and
- WHEREAS,** fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle become role models for their children and, consequently, their children lead happier, healthier lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Men's Health Network has worked with Congress to develop a National Men's Health Awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS,** Men's Health Month will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of this state are encouraged to participate in Men's Health Month and find ways to increase awareness surrounding the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and routine medical check-ups.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2017 as

**MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs