

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and
- WHEREAS,** all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 1 million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and
- WHEREAS,** research has recently yielded for new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases – more than in the five previous decades in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS,** raising social awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatment and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and
- WHEREAS,** Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light it Up Green for MD Month are special opportunities to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular community.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of August, 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