

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

- WHEREAS,** childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and
- WHEREAS,** 43 children per day or 15,695 children are diagnosed with cancer annually in the United States, with the average diagnosis for childhood cancer being 6 years old; and
- WHEREAS,** 80 percent of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease; and
- WHEREAS,** there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and
- WHEREAS,** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry out this research; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the American Childhood Cancer Organization are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and
- WHEREAS,** researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2017

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of September, 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