

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD most commonly affects the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD is not one disease, but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 25 sub-types currently identified; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups, affecting both males and females; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD is a progressive, serious, and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS,** while research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, there is still no known cure or treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** a global collaborative of LGMD-focused foundations and individuals living with LGMD have organized this global day of awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, and others in the state of Vermont participate in this observance.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017

**LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS
DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th 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", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs