

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,470 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 460 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer; and


WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often-overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 15 through October 21, 2017 as “Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2017

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of September, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs