

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** bleeding disorders share the inability to form a proper blood clot and are characterized by extending bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity which can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

**WHEREAS,** many individuals with hemophilia became infected with Hepatitis C or HIV, before they were recognized as bloodborne pathogens, due to the contamination of blood products; and

**WHEREAS,** Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia, but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease; and

**WHEREAS,** Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders, promoting awareness and enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedure, and disability in the future.

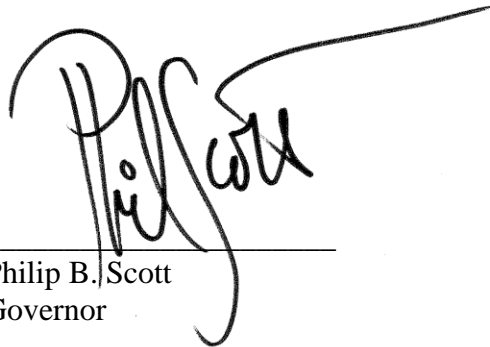
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as


**BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of February, A.D. 2018.



  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs