

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Neuroendocrineimmune disorders (NEIDs) affect Vermonters and millions of people worldwide including people of all races, ages, and socio-economic groups; and

WHEREAS, these conditions include chronic fatigue syndrome, myalgic encephalomyelitis or myalgic encephalopathy, fibromyalgia syndrome, Gulf War syndrome, environmental illnesses or multiple chemical sensitivity; and

WHEREAS, these complex illnesses may affect multiple body systems resulting in a variety of symptoms, including sore throat, extreme fatigue, widespread pain, and chronic viral and bacterial infections, and scientific understanding of causes and treatment is limited due to the complexity of the symptoms and their similarity to other more common diseases, so the affected individuals may experience significant loss of quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Patient Alliance of Neuroendocrineimmune Disorders Organizations for Research & Advocacy, INC. (P.A.N.D.O.R.A.) is a nonprofit, national charitable organization dedicated to finding a cure for NEIDs and advocating for quality of life to individuals stricken with these illnesses; and

WHEREAS, P.A.N.D.O.R.A. has joined with The Vermont Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome (CFIDS) Association and patient organizations worldwide to promote awareness of NEIDs and the need for patient advocacy, to establish health care provider NEIDs education programs, to develop and increase accurate diagnostic criteria for these illnesses, and to stimulate research that will identify the causes and treatments of these disorders; and

WHEREAS, community knowledge of NEIDs and their impact on patients and their families will promote hope for a better future for people with NEIDs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2018 as

NEIDs AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of April, A.D. 2018

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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