

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat, and symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 Emergency Department visits each year, and reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in medical procedures associated with anaphylaxis caused by food; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergy, and currently, strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments.

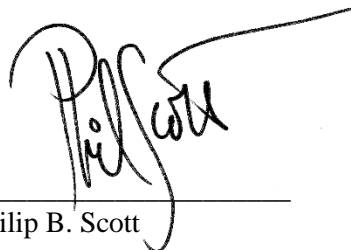
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 13 – 19, 2018 as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK


in Vermont.



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



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs