

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 1600 to 4000 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, family, and society; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence.

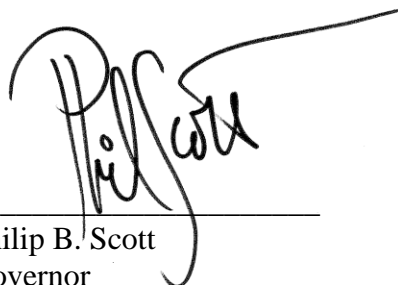
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

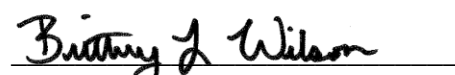
PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of May, A.D. 2018


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs