State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS. muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects

> everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 50 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging

in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness,

> from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or WHEREAS,

ethnicity; and

raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate WHEREAS,

> the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and

neuromuscular diseases: and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness / Light it Up Green for MD month

is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular

dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

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

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of July, A.D. 2018

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs