

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** it is estimated over 154,000 women in the United States have metastatic breast cancer, which is when cancer spreads beyond the breast to other parts of the body, including the bones, lungs, liver and brain; and
- WHEREAS,** one in eight women in the United States could be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and in Vermont, it is expected that 600 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018, it is estimated more than 80 women in Vermont will die of breast cancer, nearly all due to metastatic breast cancer, cutting short the lives of too many and leaving a lasting effect on their families; and
- WHEREAS,** the focus of breast cancer awareness is early detection and routine diagnosis, which has seen tremendous progress in the last 30 years; and
- WHEREAS,** currently no cure exists for metastatic breast cancer, however there is reason to be hopeful, as extensive research efforts are underway to address this high, unmet need, and many of those with metastatic breast cancer continue treatment with the goal of extending the best quality life possible; and
- WHEREAS,** metastatic breast cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes, and while, Caucasian women see slightly higher incidence rates of breast cancer, the mortality rate for African-American women with breast cancer is 39 percent higher than Caucasian women, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and
- WHEREAS,** any discussions of breast cancer should include the spectrum from screening through the treatment and support of those with metastatic breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** <https://ClinicalTrials.gov> is a searchable database which provides patients, family members and the public with information about current ongoing clinical research studies; and
- WHEREAS,** there is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed, and Vermont will continue to push for critical research and advanced treatments for metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS,

individuals diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer are encouraged to speak with their physician to learn more about the disease and find support groups and services in their community or online.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2018 as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of October, A.D. 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jaye Pershing Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs