

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,550 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 480 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary.

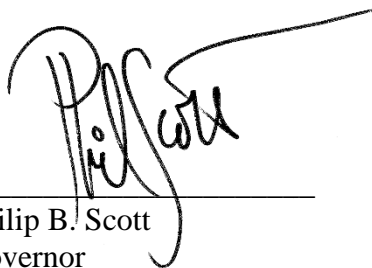
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 14 - 20, 2018 as


MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of September, A.D. 2018




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs