

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, “Debbie’s Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer” is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families and caregivers, while pursuing the ultimate goal of making the cure to stomach cancer a reality; and

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is among the cancers with the lowest five-year survival rates; and

WHEREAS, out of 26,000 new cases diagnosed a year in the United States, 11,000 will die annually; and

WHEREAS, 35 percent of stomach cancers are diagnosed at a distant stage which only has a five percent five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, in the U.S. approximately 98,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, the overall survival rate for stomach cancer is 31 percent, and stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged in 30 years.

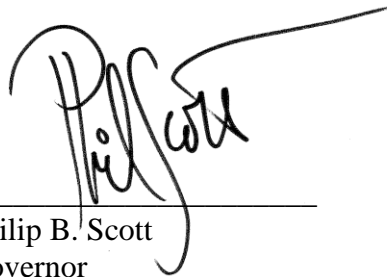
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as


CURING STOMACH CANCER MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of November, A.D. 2018




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs