

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience many symptoms which diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase which results in buildup of lipids in the body, causing cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS, there are a limited number of treatments available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening has now been performed in several countries, yielding a prevalence ranging from 1 in 1,368 to 1 in 8,882, which contrasts with earlier presumed range of prevalence of 1 in 40,000 to 1 in 117,000; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and families should be aware of the symptoms of Fabry Disease and if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder.

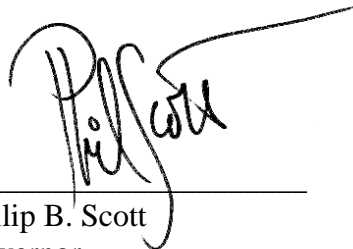
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2019 as

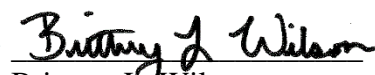
FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of March, A.D. 2019.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs