

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Childhood Apraxia of Speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children; and

**WHEREAS,** the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, but those with apraxia endure a lengthy struggle; and

**WHEREAS,** without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia are placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills; and

**WHEREAS,** such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities if not resolved or improved; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to generate greater public awareness of CAS in Vermont among community members, physicians, education professionals, policy makers, and elected officials; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 14, 2019 as

**APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott".

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson".  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs