

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Necrotizing Fasciitis was first described within medical literature in 1883 by Fournier and was originally described as a disease of unknown cause that caused Fournier's Gangrene or cell death of the scrotum; and

**WHEREAS,** it is an uncommon clinical disease of the layers of tissue under the skin that attracts a high profile within the popular media where it is often referred to as the "flesh eating bug or virus;" and

**WHEREAS,** the most common causes of the disease are the bacteria group A hemolytic, Streptococcus pyogenes and Staphylococcus aureus, either alone or in combination; other cases are reported to be caused by other types of bacteria including those naturally found within the intestines of normal healthy individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** Necrotizing Fasciitis can occur in any age group, although sometimes there are precipitating factors; it is most commonly associated with surgical procedures, but may be seen in those with diabetes mellitus, atherosclerotic vascular disease, malignancy and hypertension; and

**WHEREAS,** in rare occasions it may occur following minor injuries to the skin, falls, cuts or tears but sometimes is not apparent and can occur in apparently healthy individual.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 31, 2019 as

**NECROTIZING FASCIITIS AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of May, A.D. 2019.



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

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

Brittny L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs