

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a leading cause of cancer death for women in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Vermont ranks in the bottom fifth in the country for breast cancer deaths per capita and approximately 80 Vermont women will die from breast cancer this year; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 80% of Vermont women 40 and over receive a yearly mammogram; and

WHEREAS, the Susan G. Komen New England Vermont MORE THAN PINK WALK event is part of a grassroots effort to fight breast cancer in Vermont and New Hampshire, with 75% of proceeds used to fund organizations that work to reduce breast cancer mortality by addressing health care disparities, thereby ensuring access to quality breast health care services, and the other 25% goes to fund lifesaving research in all areas of breast cancer, from basic biology to prevention, to treatment and to survivorship through the Susan G. Komen's national research program; and

WHEREAS, over \$66,000 was awarded for this year to several different breast cancer programs in Vermont making it possible for hundreds of underserved, and uninsured, women to now receive counseling, screening and diagnostic services, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, greater recognition and understanding that early detection is key to fighting breast cancer widespread public support of efforts to find the cause and cure of breast cancer continues to be urgently needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim July 20, 2019 as

MORE THAN PINK WALK DAY


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of July, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs