

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

**WHEREAS,** all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

**WHEREAS,** between two and six Vermonters a year die from one of the different types of muscular disorders, striking people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS,** research has yielded more new drugs to treat 4 types of muscular diseases including Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and

**WHEREAS,** raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** Muscular Dystrophy Awareness / Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

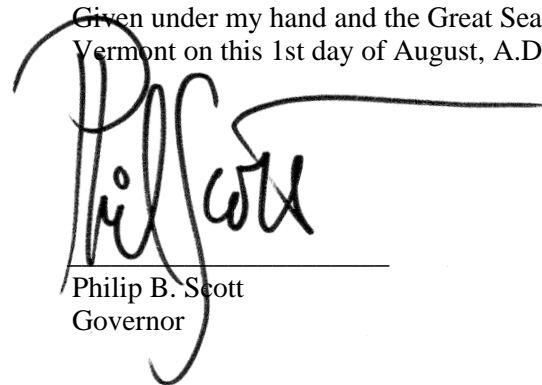
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 2019 as

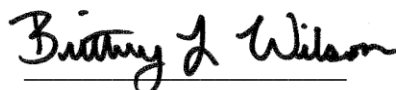
**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of August, A.D. 2019.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



Brittny L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs