

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** pulmonary fibrosis is a serious disease that creates scarring in the delicate lung tissue of affected patients causing progressive, incurable lung disease; and

**WHEREAS,** pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing limited quality of life, disability and/or death within a few short years; and

**WHEREAS,** awareness and early detection are paramount in diagnosing this disease; and

**WHEREAS,** in many cases there is no identified cause of pulmonary fibrosis, which is referred to as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), and about 100,000 people in the United States are estimated to be affected by IPF; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 35,000 new cases are diagnosed each year and about 15,000 people die from IPF each year; and

**WHEREAS,** pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed and under diagnosed, identifying a need to increase wide-ranging awareness and detection of this deadly respiratory disease; and

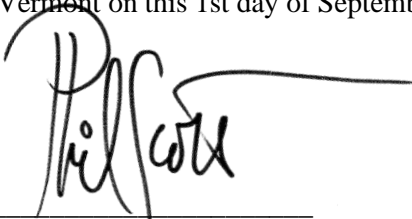
**WHEREAS,** organizations like Breathe Vermont offer opportunities to share experiences and offer support to those affected by pulmonary fibrosis.

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

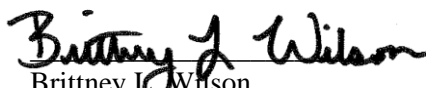
**PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

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

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs