

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** thousands of families across Vermont are affected by metastatic breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** one in eight women in the United States could be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetimes, and in Vermont, it is expected that more than 600 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** metastatic breast cancer affects all races and socioeconomic classes, and while Caucasian women see slightly higher incidence rates of breast cancer, the mortality rate for African-American women with breast cancer is 39 percent higher than that of Caucasian women, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death for Hispanic women; and
- WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines health equity as when every person has the opportunity to "attain his or her full health potential"; and
- WHEREAS,** metastatic breast cancer cuts short the lives of too many people in Vermont, leaving a lasting effect on their families; and
- WHEREAS,** while metastatic breast cancer remains incurable, there is reason to be hopeful as extensive research efforts are underway to address this high unmet need; and
- WHEREAS,** ClinicalTrials.gov is a searchable database which provides patients, family members and the public with information about current ongoing clinical research studies; and
- WHEREAS,** there is still more research to be done for metastatic breast cancer so that new and more effective treatments can be developed, and Vermont will continue to push for critical research and advanced treatments for metastatic breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer are encouraged to speak with their physician to learn more about the disease and find support groups and services in their community or online.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 13, 2019 as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of October, A.D. 2019.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittny L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs