

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome is a rare genetic condition caused by the deletion or other structural changes in the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing a mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

WHEREAS, this microdeletion is rarely uncovered in typical genetic screening, therefore a fluorescent situ hybridization also known as FISH test, or whole exome sequencing (WES) is recommended to confirm diagnoses; and

WHEREAS, it is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, individuals, parents, and advocacy groups, can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally thought to be characterized by intellectual disability and varying degrees of delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays, and epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and promote education that will help inform Vermonters about this disease.

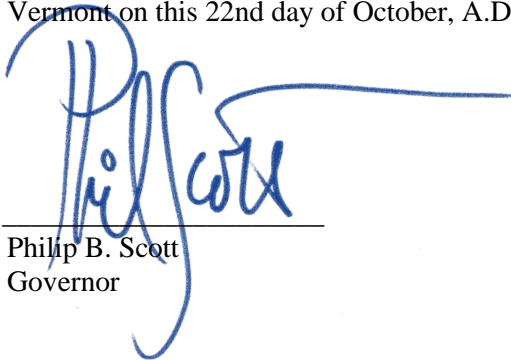
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 22, 2019 as


PHELAN-MCDERMID SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2019.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs