

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is a hereditary disorder that causes low levels of the alpha-1 antitrypsin protein in the blood which can result in lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 can affect people of all races and ethnicities but is most common in white people of European ancestry, affecting about 1 in 1,500 to 3,500 of those individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** Alpha-1 is often under diagnosed and misdiagnosed, with fewer than 10% of those estimated to have Alpha-1 having been diagnosed, and patients are not diagnosed until an average of 8.3 years after the onset of symptoms and see an average of 2.7 physicians before diagnosis, which can be made with a blood or genetic test; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2020 as

**ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of November, A.D. 2020.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip B. Scott".

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittney L. Wilson".  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs