

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

**WHEREAS,** many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

**WHEREAS,** Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

**WHEREAS,** Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability.

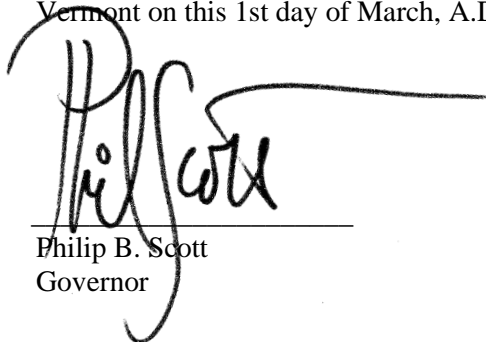
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2021 as

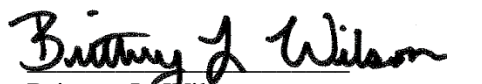
**BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of March, A.D. 2021.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs