

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** thousands of Vermonters are diagnosed with cancer each year, of all ages and walks of life with nearly 8% of Vermont adults have been diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer is the number one cause of death in Vermont, claiming over 1,300 Vermonters each year; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer disproportionately effects those who are in a lower income or come from a marginalized group and lower income cancer patients have a 20% greater morbidity rate than those more affluent; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer patients are 2.5 times more likely to file for bankruptcy in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** cancer effects not only the patient but their entire family and support system with both the patient and their family reporting high rates of anxiety and depression; and
- WHEREAS,** many patients are unable to work during their treatment and many of their caregivers are also unable to work due to providing care and transportation to treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** many Vermont cancer patients must make difficult decisions about whether to pay their rent or their prescriptions, whether to feed their children or pay for the transportation to treatment, and whether to heat their homes and pay for the light bill or their medical expenses not covered by insurance; and
- WHEREAS,** many Vermonters make life and death medical decisions based on their financial means and the immediate needs of their families; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cancer Patient Support Foundation recognizes as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary of supporting Vermont patients and their families that no cancer patient should be forced to compromise their cancer treatment to support their family; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cancer Patient Support Foundation recognizes that cancer does not affect an individual but an entire family; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's Cancer Family day is designed to remind all Vermonters that cancer patients and their families need the support of their community to provide hope, care, and ongoing support to help them through a difficult journey.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 11, 2021 as

CANCER FAMILY DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of April, A.D. 2021.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittny L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive.

Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs