

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, autism affects an estimated 1 in 54 children and 1 in 45 adults and is a complex disorder that affects each person differently, resulting in unique strengths and challenges; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, collaborative approach will help to advance research, providing a better understanding of the many forms of autism, while strengthening advocacy efforts and ensuring access to services and resources throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information, supports and opportunities to live up to their greatest potential.

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

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of April, A.D. 2021.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney I. Wilson".
Brittney I. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs