## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD) is an progressive neurological

> disorder characterized by nerve cell loss and atrophy of multiple areas of the brain including the cerebral cortex and the basal ganglia:

and

WHEREAS, symptoms include poor coordination, akinesia (an absence of

movements), rigidity (a resistance to imposed movement), disequilibrium (impaired balance), and limb dystonia (abnormal

muscle postures), alien limb; and

WHEREAS, other symptoms can include cognitive and visual impairments,

> apraxia (loss of the ability to make familiar, purposeful movements), hesitant and halting speech, muscular jerks, and difficulty

swallowing; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no known treatment available to slow the course

of Corticobasal Degeneration, and the symptoms of the disease are

generally resistant to therapy; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease can result in earlier

diagnosis, improved medical treatment, increased research, and

better access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, Corticobasal Degeneration Awareness Month recognizes the

patients and families affected and brings to light the need for further

research and understanding of the disease.

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

## CORTICOBASAL DEGENERATION AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 3rd day of June, A.D. 2021.

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs