

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, research has yielded more new drugs to treat four types of neuromuscular diseases: Duchenne, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Myasthenia Gravis and Lou Gehrig's - ALS; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

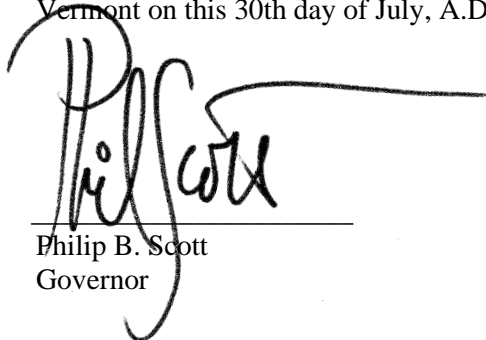
WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues these families face in their respective communities.

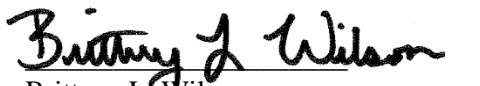
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 2021 as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.



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


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs