

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects about 10 men and about 40 women out of every 100,000 people in the United States, yet is little known or understood; and

**WHEREAS,** gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, weight fluctuations, esophageal damage, and erratic blood sugar levels; and

**WHEREAS,** there is little awareness, no known cure, and few consistently safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

**WHEREAS,** those affected by gastroparesis seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for the future; and

**WHEREAS,** those affected by gastroparesis seek to educate Vermonters, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of this condition for the good of the public health.

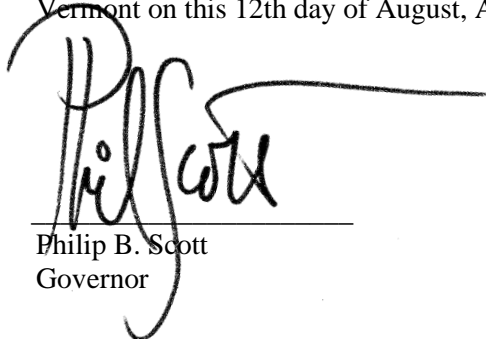
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 2021 as


**GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of August, A.D. 2021.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs