State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lissencephaly is a set of rare brain disorders caused by factors such

as viral infection or insufficient blood supply early in pregnancy as well as a number of genetic causes gene-linked brain malformation, causing the brain to have less or no ridges and folds making it appear smooth and it is estimated about 1 in 100,000 individuals are born

with this condition; and

WHEREAS, people living with this condition may also suffer from hypertonia,

epilepsy, swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and more;

and

WHEREAS, addressing the complex medical needs early in life is imperative to

helping families successfully care for their children at home and the need for more education, awareness and support for families is

desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that one day each year should be set apart from the

rest and be known as Lissencephaly Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Lissencephaly Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit charitable organization

which helps support these individuals through continued efforts of

empowering families and educating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 8, 2021 as

LISSENCEPHALY AWARENESS DAY in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Yermont on this 2nd day of September, A.D. 2021.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs