

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

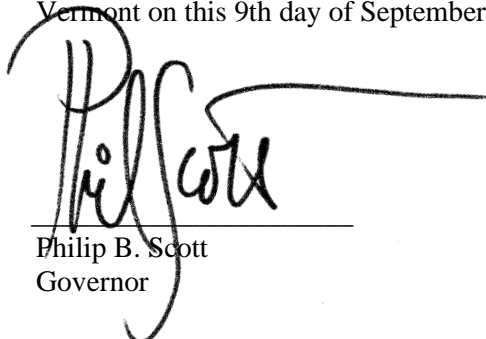
- WHEREAS,** the Children’s Craniofacial Association (CCA) began celebrating Craniofacial Acceptance Month in 2005 to bring awareness to the thousands of children born each year in the United States who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, which is a structural or physical anomaly of the head and/or face; and
- WHEREAS,** while the most well-known syndrome is cleft lip, children are born with other facial differences including Apert syndrome, Treacher Collins syndrome, facial palsy, and craniosynostosis which is seen in about 1 in every 2,500 babies in the United States (CDC); and
- WHEREAS,** individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand the diagnosis they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life; and
- WHEREAS,** families are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will often endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and
- WHEREAS,** organizations such as Children’s Craniofacial Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them; in order to empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences, while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and
- WHEREAS,** Children’s Craniofacial Association has designated September of 2021 as the 17th year of “Craniofacial Acceptance Month.”


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

**CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH
in Vermont.**



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs