

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

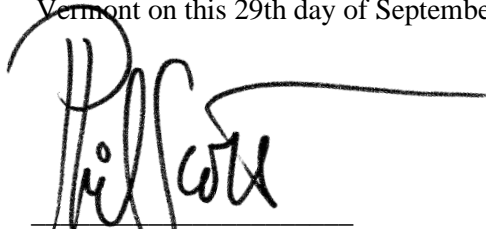
- WHEREAS,** limb-girdle muscular dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD most commonly affects muscles closest to the body (proximal muscles), specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD isn't one disease but a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 30 sub-types currently identified; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD occurs among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD symptoms can begin in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and
- WHEREAS,** LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS,** research is ongoing and important advances are being made every day in understanding the genetic causes for the disease, there is still no known cure or treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** while the public is familiar with some rare disease such as, ALS, and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by LGMD bear a large share of the burden of raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others in Vermont will participate in that observance.

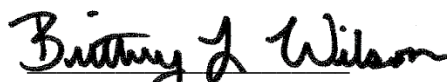
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 30, 2021 as

LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (LGMD)
AWARENESS DAY
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of September, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs