

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions concerned with the health and wellbeing of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are over 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States assuring rational and safe use of all medications as an alternative to more expensive medical procedures, which is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require great attention to how they are used by different patient populations – both clinically and demographically, and it is important all users of prescription and non-prescription medications, or their caregivers, are knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy while also utilizing their personal pharmacy expertise; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are specifically educated in medication therapy, and are ideally suited to work with health care providers and patients to improve medication use and clinical outcomes in patients with chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility of medications that are not self-administered such as injectable medications and immunizations; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are best positioned to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, through use of medication synchronization and comprehensive medication reviews.

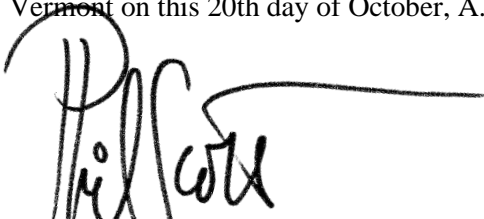
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 2021 as

PHARMACISTS MONTH

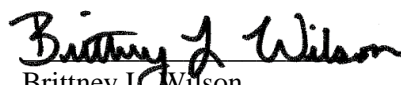
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of October, A.D. 2021.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs