

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services began designating March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in 2016; and

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders, which are distinguished by the inability to form a proper blood clot, are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation and can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia became infected with HIV or hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood supply and blood products; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among all individuals with inheritable bleeding disorders; and

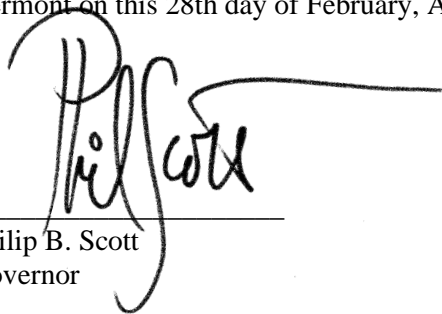
WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month will elevate awareness of and engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey for the general public, enabling the prevention of illness, unnecessary procedures and disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 2022 as

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

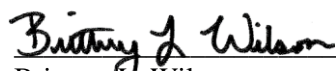
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs