

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

**WHEREAS,** Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in buildup of lipids in the body causing cell and organ damage; and

**WHEREAS,** there are two approved treatments available but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

**WHEREAS,** newborn screening has now been performed in several countries, yielding a prevalence ranging from 1:1,368 to 1:8,882. This is in contrast to earlier presumed prevalence of 1:40,000-1:117,000; and

**WHEREAS,** health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry disease symptoms and if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder.

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

**FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Philip B. Scott'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brittney L. Wilson'. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs