

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

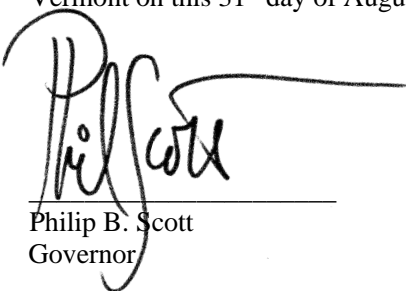
- WHEREAS,** sepsis is the body’s life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the CDC, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 270,000 adult lives every year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die, more than from pediatric cancers; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, at \$62 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after effects such as amputations (approximately 14,000 per year in the United States) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis is a leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States – and the United States has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the industrialized world; and
- WHEREAS,** the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases, and making effective sepsis treatment more difficult; and
- WHEREAS,** viral sepsis is the most common complication in severe COVID-19, and in the midst of ongoing COVID-19 surges, infection prevention and sepsis awareness are critical to public health; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found less than 15% of adults in the United States can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- WHEREAS,** one can remember the signs and symptoms of sepsis using “Sepsis: It’s About TIME,” which stands for “Temperature,” “Infection,” “Mental decline,” and “Extremely ill”; and
- WHEREAS,** awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors, as the risk of mortality from sepsis increases by 4-9% for every hour treatment is delayed.

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

SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH

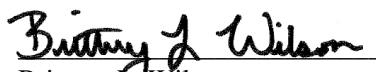
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31st day of August, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs