

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** congenital heart disease (CHD) is the most prevalent birth defect in the United States, affecting one in every 100 births; and

**WHEREAS,** each year in the United States, more than 40,000 babies are born with CHD; and

**WHEREAS,** the health and well-being of congenital heart disease patients is of paramount importance; and

**WHEREAS,** thanks to the advancement of science and medicine, 85% of individuals born with CHD now live past the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS,** even with these advancements, fewer than 10% of adults with CHD are receiving the recommended care they need; and

**WHEREAS,** medical research can provide more identifiable means of the origins and symptoms of CHD; and

**WHEREAS,** it is crucial that individuals planning a family, fetal clinicians, obstetric physicians, pediatricians, and all those in the medical field have a greater understanding of the potential for CHD; and

**WHEREAS,** Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Week provides the opportunity for patients and families affected by CHD to share their experiences and knowledge so that the general public may be aware of how this defect affects our lives.

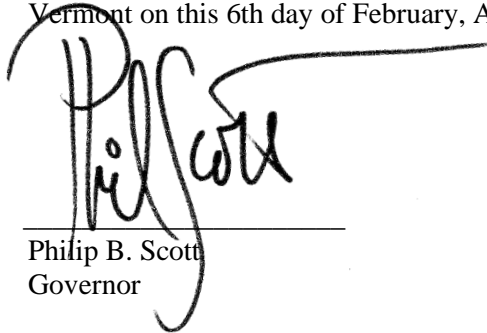
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2023 as

**CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK**


in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of February, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs