

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** according to the Center for Disease Control, the maternal mortality rate in the United States increased from 20.1 (in 2019) to 23.8 (in 2020) per 100,000 live births; and

**WHEREAS,** amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality affecting one case in 20,000 births, or .01% of all maternal deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

**WHEREAS,** AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in Vermont, provides meaningful and education and life-saving skills to properly prepare healthcare providers, manage and treat patients, increase lives saved, gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and

**WHEREAS,** awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote understanding of this disorder, expand the search for an effective treatment and accelerate the increased number of lives saved.

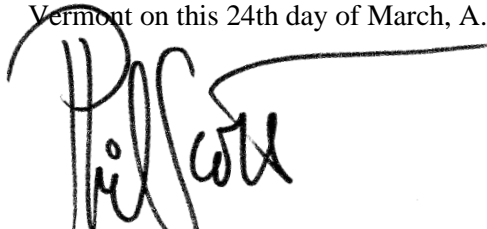
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 27, 2023 as

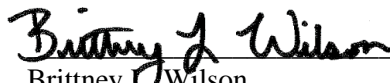
**AMNIOTIC FLUID AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of March, A.D. 2023.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs