

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, among the debilitating eye diseases that affect Vermonters and others throughout the country, Coats' Disease is a rare retinal disorder that primarily afflicts infants, young children, and teenagers, most of them boys, but can affect adults as well; and

WHEREAS, Coats' Disease can cause blood vessels in one or both eyes to develop abnormally, causing leakage of blood into the eye resulting in trauma, damage, partial or total blindness, or even removal of the eye without early detection, treatment, or surgery; and

WHEREAS, Coats' Disease is still not widely known and can be misdiagnosed by some in the medical community, even among retinal specialists; and

WHEREAS, Coats' Disease is classified as an orphan disease yet impacts thousands in Vermont and across the nation; and

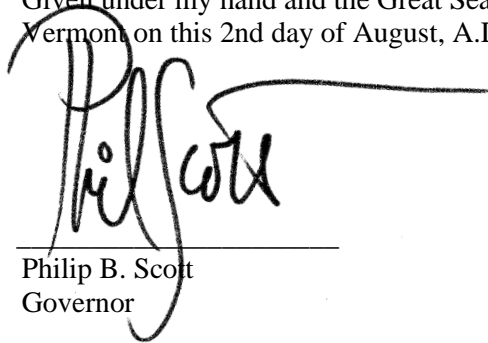
WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to finding cures and treatments for many rare diseases or afflictions through scientific, academic, and commercial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Coats' Disease Awareness Day is an important tool for raising awareness among government officials, medical professionals, academic institutions, commercial ventures, and the public about this rare disease to enable early detection, advance scientific research, treatment capabilities, and eventually find a cure.

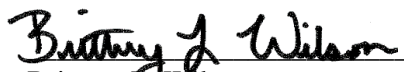
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 14, 2023, as

COATS' DISEASE AWARENESS DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of August, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs