


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men; and
- WHEREAS,** one in eight men have a lifetime probability of developing prostate cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated 630 men in Vermont will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and it is estimated 90 Vermont men will die from this disease this year; and
- WHEREAS,** the incidence of prostate cancer is over 70% higher in non-Hispanic Black men than in non-Hispanic White men for reasons that remain unclear; and
- WHEREAS,** prostate cancer death rates declined in the mid-1990s to mid-2020s due to earlier detection through PSA testing and advances in treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** the 5-year survival rate is greater than 99% when prostate cancer is diagnosed early (while localized) but drops to 32% when it spreads to the other parts of the body; and
- WHEREAS,** risk factors for prostate cancer are increasing in age, African ancestry, a family history of the disease, and certain inherited genetic conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society recommends that men have a conversation with their health care provider and make an informed decision about whether to be tested for prostate cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** September has widely been recognized as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. With origins back to 1989.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 2023, as

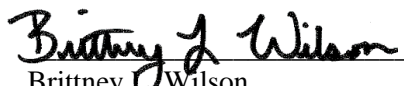
**PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 1st day of September, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs