

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a progressive, potentially life-threatening inherited disorder, caused by variants in the GLA gene leading to a damaging buildup of lipids in multiple body organs and systems, including the heart, brain, kidneys, lungs, and the nervous, auditory, digestive systems, and more; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening for Fabry disease is performed in several states and studies show a higher prevalence of 1 in 4,128 newborns than the previously expected 1 in 50,000 newborns suggesting many children and adults remain undiagnosed and untreated; and

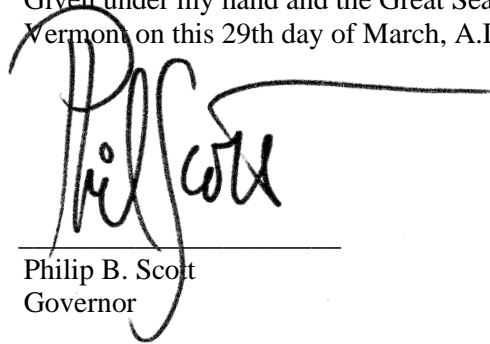
WHEREAS, people with Fabry disease experience chronic pain in their extremities, temperature sensitivity, and gastrointestinal issues beginning in childhood and adults may experience stroke, kidney, and/or heart failure, lung disease, and hearing loss at relatively young ages; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis with genetic testing and treatment is vital to reduce the occurrence of adverse quality of life and life-threatening complications and there are currently three FDA-approved treatments available to reduce symptoms and slow down the onset of organ damage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2024 as

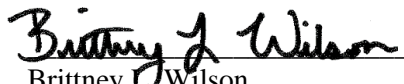
FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs