

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, one in 14 Vermonters have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, one in three Vermonters have pre-diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the treatment of diabetes requires patients to master nutrition, medication, and lifestyle issues; and

WHEREAS, many Vermonters struggle to achieve good diabetes control due to issues such as cost, access to care, and complexity of the disease; and

WHEREAS, diabetes costs the healthcare system and patients over a half a billion dollars annually in Vermont; and

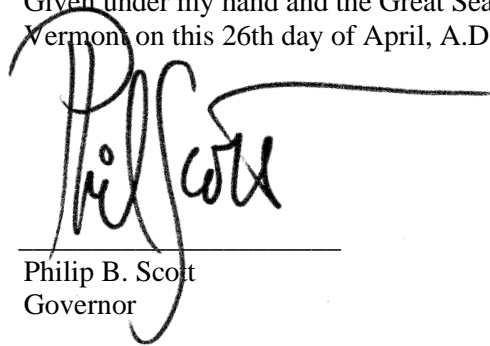
WHEREAS, certified diabetes educators are healthcare professionals who are trained to assist patients with diabetes manage their conditions in community, clinic, and hospital settings; and

WHEREAS, certified diabetes educators have been helping Vermonters achieve better control of their diabetes for over four decades.

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

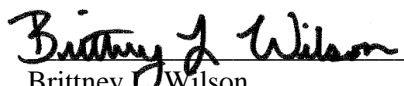
**DIABETES EDUCATORS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs