

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, up to 12 million Americans (3 to 8 million women and 1 to 4 million men) suffer from Interstitial Cystitis/Bladder Pain Syndrome (IC/BPS), a chronic bladder condition that usually consists of multiple symptoms including recurring pelvic pain, pressure, or discomfort in the bladder and pelvic region, and/or urinary frequency and urgency; and

WHEREAS, the root cause of IC/BPS remains unknown and there is no cure; and

WHEREAS, appropriate diagnosis can take months or years for patients as there is no specific test to identify IC/BPS, and treatment options and levels of relief vary greatly from patient to patient; and

WHEREAS, IC/BPS involves chronic pain which can greatly impact a patient's everyday activities, including the ability to work and mental health; and

WHEREAS, IC/BPS patients have historically faced a lack of dignity and understanding for their condition; and

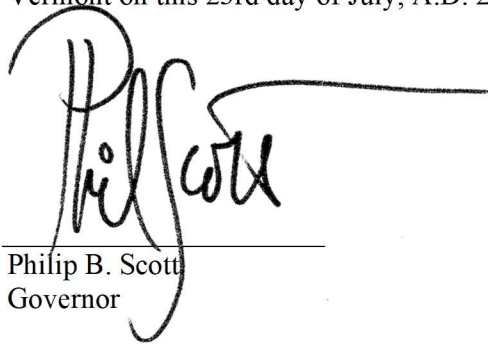
WHEREAS, the Interstitial Cystitis Association is the only non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for IC/BPS awareness and research funding, while providing a community for patients to connect; and


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

**IC/BPS AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of July, A.D. 2024.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs