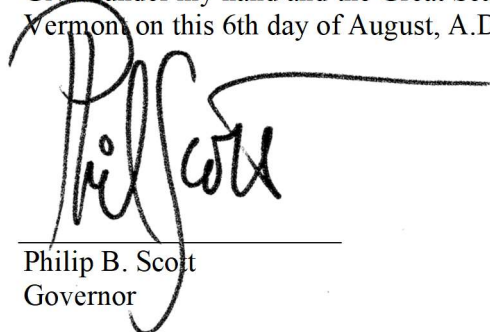


**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

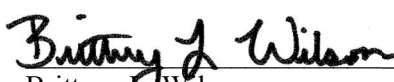
- WHEREAS,** September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,00 adult lives every year in the United States. Each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the United States, with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be \$62 billion annually; and
- WHEREAS,** on average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and
- WHEREAS,** communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and
- WHEREAS,** sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy related mortality in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases; and
- WHEREAS,** despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found less than 15% of United States adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and
- WHEREAS,** the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME" which stands for "Temperature," Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and
- WHEREAS,** awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 2024 as

**SEPSIS AWARENESS MONTH  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of August, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs