

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is a rare and sever neurological disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion of the TCF4 gene; and

**WHEREAS,** Pitt Hopkins Syndrome is characterized by intellectual disability and developmental delay, breathing problems, recurrent seizures (epilepsy) and distinctive facial features; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 1000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome; and

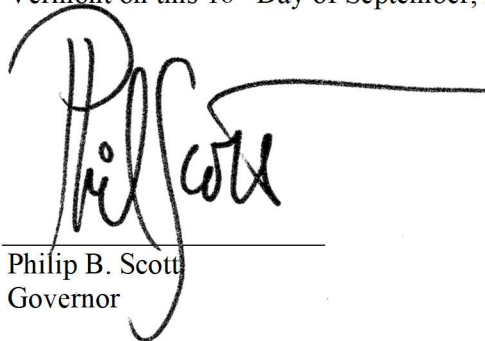
**WHEREAS,** the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation annually celebrates September 18<sup>th</sup> as International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day to raise awareness for Pitt Hopkins research, and this date was chose to bring attention to the fact that it is a disorder caused by a spontaneous mutation or deletion of the TCF4 gene, located on the 18<sup>th</sup> chromosome; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pitt Hopkins Research foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Pitt Hopkins Syndrome through research. Education, and advocacy; and

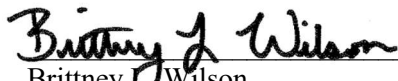
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2024, as

**PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of September, A.D. 2024

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs