

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** clubfoot describes a range of foot abnormalities, usually present at birth, in which the tissues connecting the muscles to the bone are shorter than usual, making it difficult to walk; and

**WHEREAS,** the most common form of treatment for clubfoot is through stretching and casting, the Ponseti Method; and

**WHEREAS,** the late Dr. Ignacio Ponseti developed the low-cost, nonsurgical, highly effective Ponseti Method, which is now the globally recognized standard of care for treating clubfoot; and

**WHEREAS,** impediments to the delivery of the Ponseti Method for treating clubfoot include stigma and lack of awareness that clubfoot is treatable; and

**WHEREAS,** the Ponseti International Association was established in 2006 to realize the vision of a “world free of untreated clubfoot deformity”; and

**WHEREAS,** proclaiming World Clubfoot Day will help bring attention to specific health problems and effective interventions; and

**WHEREAS,** June 3 is the birthday of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2017 as

**CLUBFOOT DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs