

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the state of Vermont had the 2nd highest incidence of Lyme disease in the country in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the number of anaplasmosis cases in Vermont almost doubled from 2016 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and *Borrelia miyamotoi* infections can be prevented by engaging in healthy behaviors such as using appropriate repellants, conducting frequent tick checks, and safely removing ticks; and

WHEREAS, when diagnosed in their early stages, most cases of tickborne diseases can be treated effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

TICKBORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of April, A.D. 2018

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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