

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

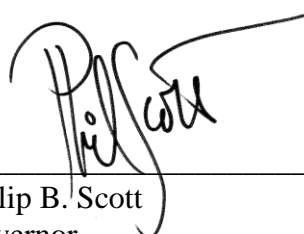
- WHEREAS,** heterotaxy syndrome is a rare congenital defect in which the major visceral organs are distributed abnormally within the chest and abdomen, affecting multiple body systems, and requires a team of specialists to administer proper treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** the public is largely unaware of heterotaxy syndrome, including many medical professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** heterotaxy syndrome is equally common in boys and girls and occurs in all ethnic groups; and
- WHEREAS,** recent advances in medical treatment and surgical repairs have greatly increased the life span for those with heterotaxy, as those with heterotaxy syndrome can now survive to adulthood; and
- WHEREAS,** Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others with the syndrome and know they are not alone; and
- WHEREAS,** the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day also provides the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about heterotaxy syndrome.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018 as

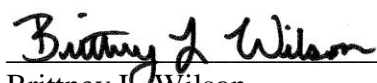
**HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of April, A.D. 2018

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs