

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat, and symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can range from mild to severe; and

WHEREAS, food allergy results in more than 200,000 emergency department visits each year, and reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment is up sharply over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

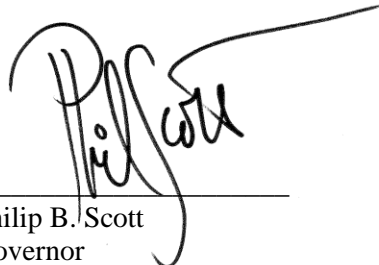
WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to provide them hope through the promise of new treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 12 – 18, 2019 as


FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2019.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs