

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children; and

**WHEREAS,** 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** 46 children per day or 15,780 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and

**WHEREAS,** the average age of diagnosis is six years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** on average there has been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and

**WHEREAS,** two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out; and

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level, including the American Childhood Cancer Organization, are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and

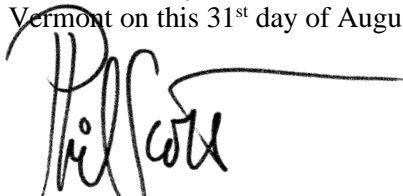
**WHEREAS,** researchers and health care professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.


**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 2022 as

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, A.D. 2022.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs