## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a whole-body, whole-life rare genetic

disorder that affects the person since birth, childhood, adulthood and advanced age affecting the patient's bones, joints, dental, hearing, muscle and/or nerve systems;

and

WHEREAS. XLH affects about one in 20,000 newborns according to the National Institutes of

Health; and

**WHEREAS,** the effects of the disease cause serious and debilitation symptoms that have a major

impact on the lives of those people who suffer from XLH and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, patients affected by XLH and their families often encounter a variety of problems

outside of the illness itself, such difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and/or being able to afford the

appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, XLH is not a curable disease, however, dedicated researchers around the world

continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that

a cure will be found one day; and

**WHEREAS**, educational programs must be public and constant so that new parents and health

providers can be exposed to the most up-to-date information.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 23, 2023 as

## X-LINKED HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA (XLH) AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of June, A.D. 2023.

Philip B. Sc Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs