

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** all children, regardless of who they are, deserve a childhood and a chance to grow up; and

**WHEREAS,** September is childhood cancer awareness month; and

**WHEREAS,** during this awareness month, advocates, non-profits, health care professionals, researchers and families impacted want the people of Vermont to know the prevalence and reality that children facing cancer experience each and every day; and

**WHEREAS,** pediatric 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 20<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** 46 children per day, or 16,790 children per year, are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** in the last 20 years there have only been four new drugs approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and

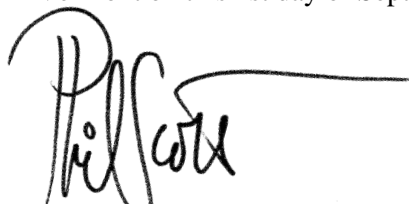
**WHEREAS,** foundations, researchers, and healthcare professionals are working diligently to treat and cure pediatric cancer but need the support from everyone in our communities; and

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

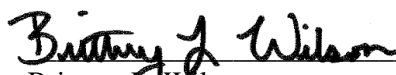
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 2023, as

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of September, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs