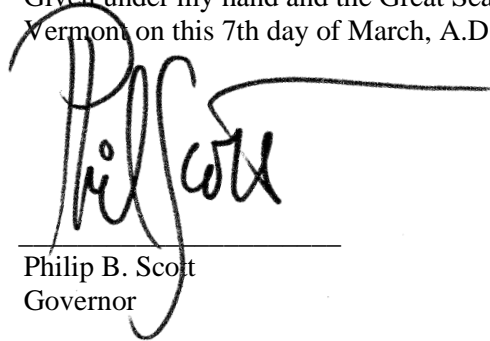


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** as more than 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS,** research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and
- WHEREAS,** anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and
- WHEREAS,** every 10 seconds, a food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room and reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS,** emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and
- WHEREAS,** childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$25 billion each year; and
- WHEREAS,** Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the May 12-18, 2024, as

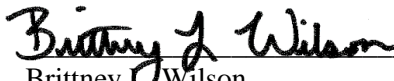
FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7th day of March, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs