

**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 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the average age of diagnosis is six years old; and

WHEREAS, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic; 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, in the last 30 years, only six new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; 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 education, emotional, and financial support; 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

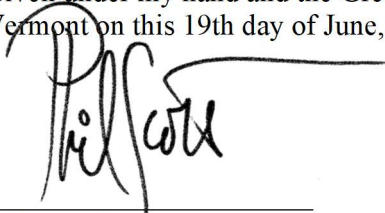
WHEREAS, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer; and

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 2024 as


**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of June, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney D. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs