## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Trigeminal Neuralgia, also known as "The Suicide Disease," is a rare neurological

disorder characterized by severe facial pain; and

WHEREAS, this chronic pain condition affects the trigeminal nerve, which carries sensation from

the face to the brain, causing episodes of intense, stabbing, electric shock-like pain;

and

**WHEREAS,** Trigeminal Neuralgia significantly impacts the quality of life of those affected, often

leading to depression, anxiety, and social isolation; and

WHEREAS, despite its severity, Trigeminal Neuralgia is often misdiagnosed or underdiagnosed

due to a lack of awareness among both the public and medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness and understanding of Trigeminal Neuralgia can lead to earlier

diagnosis, better treatment outcomes, and improved quality of life for those affected;

and

WHEREAS, October 7th has been recognized internationally as Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness

Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 7th day of October, 2024 as

## TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Wermon, on this 6th day of October, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Sco Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs