

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) known by many as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord; making the simplest movements – including walking, speaking, and gesturing – nearly impossible; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing each year, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, finding the causes of, and cure for, ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of Americans of their dignity and lives; and

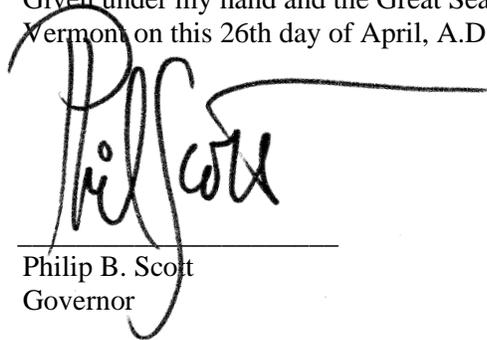
WHEREAS, aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure, bring much needed dollars for support and services for families in Vermont dealing with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2024 as

**ALS AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs