

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, security and stability of family to provide a solid foundation for personal development, growth, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for children and youth placed in out-of-home care, and is associated with positive outcomes for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, reunification with family is the most common outcome for children in out-of-home care and each year, hundreds of thousands of children are successfully reunified with their families nationally; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 in Vermont, 617 children and youth exited out-of-home care; 342 were reunified with their parents and 55 were provided permanency by a relative; thus 64% exited permanency with their parents or other family members; and

WHEREAS, safe reunification is possible when parents, extended family members, DCF Family Services workers, foster parents, service providers, lawyers, judges, and others work together; and

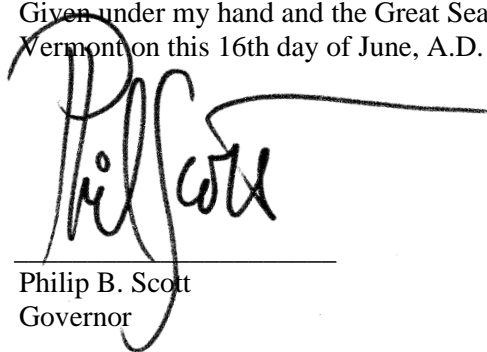
WHEREAS, June is celebrated as National Reunification Month to recognize and honor the parents who have done the hard work necessary to safely reunite with their children and the people, programs, services, and supports that helped them.

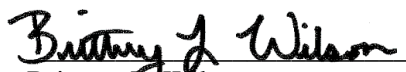
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 2023 as

FAMILY REUNIFICATION MONTH
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of June, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs