## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the purpose of Family Court Awareness Month is to increase awareness on the

importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best

interest of children; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to increase awareness on the importance of education and training on

domestic violence, childhood trauma and post separation abuse for all professionals

working within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, the mission of organizations such as One Mom's Battle and the Family Court

Awareness Month Committee is to educate judges and other family court professionals on the empirical data and research currently available, as this research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of

children; and

WHEREAS, Family Court Awareness Month is a time to increase awareness and advocate for

change to the family court system, while honoring the hundreds of children who have

been victims of violence by separating or divorcing parents.

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

## FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Wermon, on this 1st day of November, A.D. 2023.

Philip B. Scott Governor

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs