

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, black bears are an iconic American species and familiar species in Vermont's landscape; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's black bear population is robust across the state, while human-bear interactions continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, avoiding conflicts with black bears is vital part of managing bears now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, promoting bear awareness to minimize conflicts with black bears through education and outreach is a community effort; and

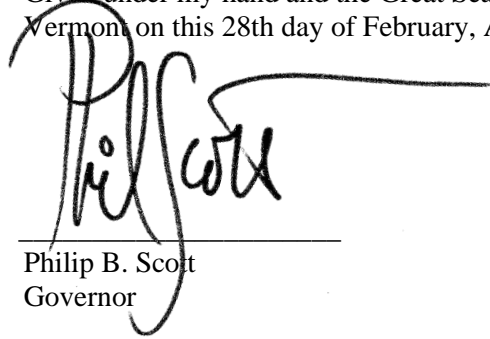
WHEREAS, promoting proactive trash management and bear attractant mitigation is an integral part of bear awareness in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Fish and Wildlife, state agencies, and partners in the conservation and agriculture community continue to work together to help communities and landowners avoid bear conflicts and manage conflicts where they occur.

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


**BEAR AWARENESS MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of February, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs