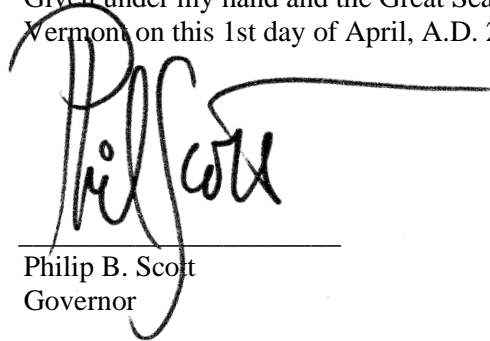


State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** the goal of National Public Health Week is to recognize the contributions of public health in improving the health of the people in every state and achieving health equity; and
- WHEREAS,** the leading causes of death in Vermont result from chronic conditions, which are among the most common and costly, yet preventable of all health challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's suicide rate is higher than the national average with 142 reported suicides in 2021, the highest yearly total ever recorded; and
- WHEREAS,** public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks such as COVID-19, natural disasters such as flooding, and other disasters; and
- WHEREAS,** public health professionals collaborate with partners outside of the health sector, including city planners, transportation officials, and the private business sector; and
- WHEREAS,** efforts to adequately support public health, the prevention of disease and injury can continue to transform a health system focused on treating illness into a health system focused on preventing disease, injury and promoting wellness.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 1 - 6, 2024, as

**PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of April, A.D. 2024.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs