

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** since December 1867, the Order of the Patrons and Husbandry, better known as the Grange, has advocated on behalf of agricultural communities and families; and

**WHEREAS,** as the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, the Grange now has more than 150,000 members in near 2,000 communities in 37 states; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grange provides service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America; and

**WHEREAS,** formed in the years following the Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population, the Grange now includes non-farm rural individuals and families in strengthening our communities and providing a social gathering place for activities and recreation, a place to develop skills for a lifetime, and a family-oriented organization that provides lifetime membership.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

**GRANGE MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of March, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs