

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont is a proud New England state with many thousands of New England Patriots fans; and

WHEREAS, for decades Patriots football games have been occasions for Vermont fans to come together on the weekends during the fall and winter seasons; and

WHEREAS, many New England Patriots players have long served as heroes and role models for countless Vermont children, aspiring athletes and fans alike – especially, one of the greatest to ever play the game, quarterback Tom Brady; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Patriots team demonstrated resilience and tenacity in the face of adversity of many forms, not limited to injury and other personnel shortages; and

WHEREAS, the New England Patriots were crowned Super Bowl Champions on February 5, 2017, after completing the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, overcoming a late 3rd quarter deficit of 28-3, posting 31 unanswered points, and ultimately winning with a final score of 34-28 in overtime; and


WHEREAS, this Super Bowl capped off a season that serves as an inspiration to Vermonters and reflects Vermont’s values of hard work, determination, and unrelenting team spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2017 as

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS APPRECIATION DAY

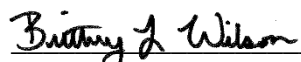
in Vermont, and welcome the Super Bowl LI
Lombardi Trophy to the State House.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7th day of April, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs