State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the veterinary profession plays an integral role in protecting the

quality and security of the food supply in the United States and

Vermont; and

WHEREAS. veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond

and providing essential medical care for companion animals who

enrich our lives; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians provide medical care for service animals who assist

people with physical and mental disabilities and for animals who guard public safety by serving in our law enforcement and military

forces; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing

and refining many techniques and instrumentations, examples of which include artificial hips, cardiac pacemakers, and cancer

therapy; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians provide valuable public health services by advancing

the "One Health" concept through preventative medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, scientific research and the judicious,

responsible use of antimicrobial drugs; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians work to enhance the welfare of all species of animals,

whether livestock, pets, wildlife, or laboratory animals, not only through medical care, but through leadership, public outreach, and

political action; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 400 veterinarians practicing in Vermont contribute to the

economic well-being of the state by protecting the livelihood of livestock producers and by employing many veterinary technicians

and other auxiliary and lay personnel.

VETERINARY DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of April, A.D. 2017.

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs