

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our nation’s and Vermont’s heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for commemoration of Law Day; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Bar Association is designating the 2017 Law Day theme to be “The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy” in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and
- WHEREAS,** the 14th Amendment has served as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights have been found to be enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and
- WHEREAS,** the 14th Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and
- WHEREAS,** the 14th Amendment has served as the basis of and inspiration for landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** Law Day, May 1, 2017, will be commemorated in the state of Vermont with the Vermont Bar Association offering Pocket Constitutions and lawyer presenters to any school or civic group requesting a presentation about the Constitution and the 14th Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2017 as

LAW DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

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

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs