

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the term “Gold Star” began during World War I when American families displayed flags in their homes, businesses, schools and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

WHEREAS, today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of our nation serves in our military and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, we honor those who lost a family member in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss.

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

GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs