

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of plants and the riches of their efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and
- WHEREAS,** gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and
- WHEREAS,** gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and
- WHEREAS,** gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and
- WHEREAS,** gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 4-11, 2017 as

GARDEN WEEK


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs