

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, families, serving as the primary sources of love, identity, self-esteem and support, are the very foundations of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, in Vermont, there are over 1,300 children and youth in traditional, kinship or specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure and stable homes, along with the compassion and nurturing of foster and kinship foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,200 dedicated licensed foster and kinship foster families in Vermont who often adopt foster children; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations, who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children who are currently in or leaving foster care; and

WHEREAS, we honor the enduring and valuable contribution of foster, kinship and adoptive parents and so many others who make the foster care system the supportive network that it is.

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

FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th 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