

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 million American workers use respirators every day to protect against potential job hazards – from doctors and nurses to firefighters, first-responders, coal miners, and agriculture workers; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers depend on particulate filtering facepiece respirators when working in environments with hazardous airborne particles; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for testing and approving respirators; and

WHEREAS, NIOSH has established N95 Day to emphasize the importance of properly using NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators; and

WHEREAS, NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators filter 95 percent of particles and significantly reduce the wearer’s risk of inhaling hazardous airborne particles from dangerous chemicals, dust, metal fumes and many infectious diseases; and

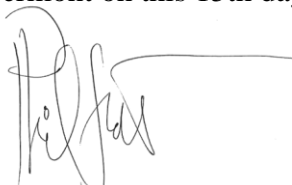
WHEREAS, the most effective emergency preparedness is proper use every day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2017 as

N95 DAY


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of August, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs