

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public safety issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent actually do; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is home to a number of public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017 as

BLOOD DONATION DAY

in Vermont, and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of August, 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