

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, sixteen years ago, our country lost the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children in the devastating terror attacks on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, these attacks targeted American citizens, established buildings, and distinguished locations – but also, these attacks targeted those American values that bind our communities on the principles of freedom, justice, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, every American – from all backgrounds – felt the pain of these attacks, however, that pain did not divide us, but instead, it united us, depriving the attackers of their intended objective, and in our darkest hour, we joined together, as one country, to reaffirm our values of service and strength upon which our country was built; and

WHEREAS, those deadly attacks forever changed the course of our history – they will be a reminder of the lives lost, and of the evil and cowardice by which such acts of terror are inspired, but most importantly, they will be a reminder of the importance of unity, courage, and bravery in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, on this day, let us remember the lives lost both from the deadly attacks on September 11th, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the years that followed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2017

PATRIOT DAY

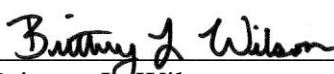
in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of September, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs