

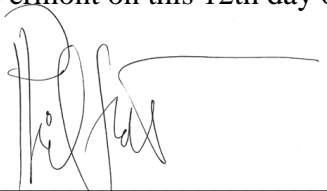
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** more than 60 million individuals and families are living with mental health and substance abuse problems in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 23 million adults are successfully recovering from drug or alcohol problems; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont, like the rest of the nation, is addressing mental health and substance use disorder, combining effective prevention, treatment and recovery support; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these chronic, yet treatable health conditions, and virtually all Vermonters know someone in their network of family or friends who is affected; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's mental health and substance use disorder recovery organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the effects of mental illness and substance use disorders and the value of long-term recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** Rutland's Rally for Recovery is designed to remind all citizens that mental illness and substance use disorders are conditions that respond to proper and timely intervention, treatment, and recovery support services, including support from peers who have successful recovery experiences; and
- WHEREAS,** recovery from mental health and substance use disorder not only improves the health of the person, but adds to the health of the entire community.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2017

RUTLAND'S RALLY FOR RECOVERY DAY


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of September, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs