

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, creativity is a core component of Vermont's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, incorporating that creativity into ideas involving clay, metal, fiber, wood, stone, and anything else at hand, has led to the creation of products that help the people of our state thrive; and

WHEREAS, the 8th Annual American Craft Week invites people around the world to celebrate American-made goods through celebrations and exhibitions by artists and craftspeople during October 6-15, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Vermont artists and craftspeople participate in the statewide Fall Open Studio Weekend on October 14-15 as well as other Vermont events that focus on our creative culture; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is the first state to recognize the importance of American Craft Week by becoming its first state sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Vermont State Craft Centers and other galleries throughout the state encourage recognition of the value of locally made goods as part of our creative economy.

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

CRAFT MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of September, A.D. 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs