## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont's legal history extends many decades previously

involving colonial-era institutions, including New York courts and personnel acting under the authority of England, and then Vermont, followed by more than two centuries of development of its legislative, executive, and judicial functions, affecting all manners

of our society; and

WHEREAS, these records exist in various formats, ranging from fragile

parchment to digital, and including charters, patents, grants, deeds,

surveys, maps, petitions, and many others; and

WHEREAS, extensive numbers of these records exist in the Vermont State

Archives and Records Administration, the Vermont Historical Society, Special Collections at the University of Vermont, the New York State Archives and in various other historical records

repositories both within the state and elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS,** the identification, preservation and accessibility of these records,

through the work of archivists and other information professionals, constitute important aspects of the state's history for use by legal practitioners, historians, academia, and the public to provide an

understanding and appreciation of the past; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to recognize legal records as a vital aspect of

Vermont's history, and to highlight their ability to enlighten and

guide current and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 8, 2018

## LEGAL RECORDS APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of January, A.D. 2018.

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Philip B. Scott

Governor

Brittney L. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs