

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, with a new spirit and direction, the Elks began helping veterans and scouts, awarding scholarships and more, engaging communities wherever charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity were needed; and

WHEREAS, elks are committed to serving people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that “Elks Care and Elks Share”; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Elks Association Inc. and Vermont Elks Charities Inc. has over 7,000 members and volunteers, belonging to 12 lodges state wide; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Elks Charities Inc. demonstrates their service to the state through their several programs, including Silver Towers Camp in Ripton, Vermont, a non-profit summer camp dedicated to serving people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2018 as

ELKS ASSOCIATION DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of February, A.D. 2018

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs