

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, accident, serious illness or injury can happen to anyone at any time regardless of age or health status; and

WHEREAS, every adult should be encouraged to appoint a decision-maker in the event of incapacity; and

WHEREAS, based on recommendations from the Attorney General's End-of-Life Task Force, the Vermont General Assembly passed a comprehensive Advance Directive Law in 2005; and

WHEREAS, a component of Vermont's Advance Directive Law was the establishment of the Vermont Advance Directive Registry in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Directive Registry is an important tool for making individual's documents readily available to health care providers in need of information about critical health decisions and end-of-life wishes through an electronic database; and

WHEREAS, by completing an advance directive, Vermonters can communicate their health care goals, preferences and priorities in advance of a health crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 16-22, 2018 as

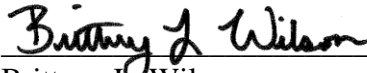
ADVANCED DIRECTIVE WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs