

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, May 3, 2018 is the 67th observance of the National Day of Prayer, highlighting the theme “Pray for America: Unity”, and persons of faith are encouraged to join with others throughout the nation and the U.S. territories in its observance; and

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the Second Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution designating a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms the setting aside of the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer and engage in meditation with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we are especially thankful for those who defend our freedoms, and pray for peace throughout our state, nation, and world.

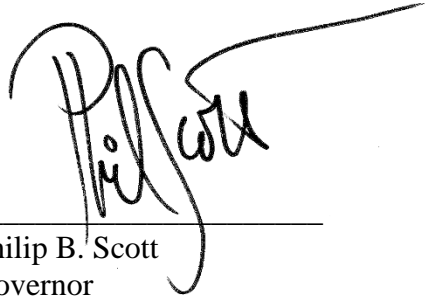
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2018 as

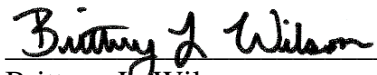
DAY OF PRAYER

in Vermont.

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




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs