

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is abundantly blessed with wetlands, streams, rivers, and lakes, including Lake Champlain, a world-renowned, international freshwater resource of great beauty and ecological significance; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's clean surface waters provide citizens and visitors alike with healthful drinking water and recreation in the form of swimming, boating, fishing, and sight-seeing; and

**WHEREAS,** clean water is critical for the health of wildlife and the ecological systems of the Green Mountain State; and

**WHEREAS,** the stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water systems and facilities in communities throughout Vermont are the first, most critical barriers against water pollution and the most essential protectors of public health; and

**WHEREAS,** the staff who operate stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water systems 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year are public servants dedicated to protecting public health and the natural environment, and thus deserve the acknowledgement and appreciation of the people of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water treatment facilities throughout Vermont will host open houses and offer tours on August 3, 2018, so Vermonters can learn about this vital, but hidden, infrastructure.

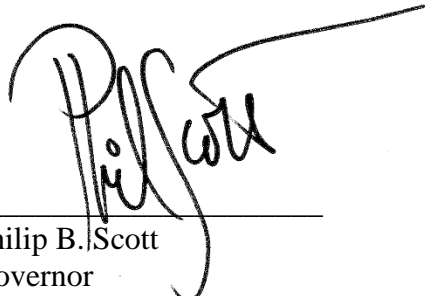
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 3, 2018 as


**WATER QUALITY DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of July, A.D. 2018



  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Jaye Pershing Johnson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs