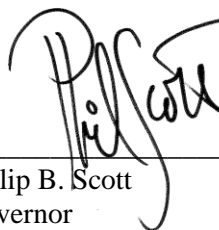# State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS,   computer technology, an integral part of our culture, is changing how people interact with each other and the world around them, transforming society, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in many economic sectors; and

WHEREAS,   the field of computer science is a foundational science for the digital age and underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to United States economic output; and

WHEREAS,   the outlook for computer science jobs in Vermont is bright with over 700 open positions today, in industries from manufacturing to agriculture to health care; and

WHEREAS,   Vermont is investing significant resources in developing 7th-12th grade Career Pathways, including cybersecurity and related computer-based fields, that are aligned with projected state workforce needs; and

WHEREAS,   providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities in the field and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS,   all students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

WHEREAS,   allowing computer science courses to satisfy a math or science requirement for graduation from high school can encourage students to explore rewarding careers in technology, and gain fundamental skills needed for the 21st century, regardless of career path.

NOW, THEREFORE,   I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim January 30, 2019 as
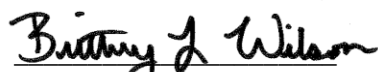
MAKE COMPUTER SCIENCE COUNT DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of January, A.D. 2019.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs