

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to 70 percent of Vermont households; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, most pets living in poverty, and nearly all community cats, feral or stray, are unaltered; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens work together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats.

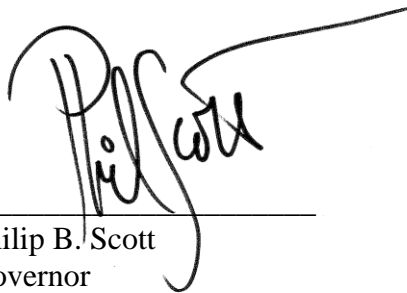
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 26, 2019 as

SPAY DAY

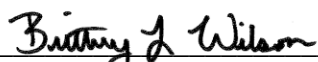
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of February, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs