

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, since December 1867, The Order of Patrons of Husbandry, better known as The Grange, has advocated on behalf of agricultural families and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, the Grange is the nation's oldest agriculturally-based organization with over 150,000 members in more than 2,000 communities in 37 states; and

WHEREAS, the Grange provides services to agricultural and rural areas on a wide variety of issues including economic development, educational opportunities, family inclusive activities, and grassroots legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America; and

WHEREAS, formed in the years following the Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social positions of the nation's farm population, the Grange now includes non-farm rural individuals and families in strengthening our communities and providing a social gathering place for activities and recreation, a place to develop skills for a lifetime, and a family-oriented organization that provides lifetime membership.

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

GRANGE MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of March, A.D. 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs