

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** 100 years ago, 94 Vermont farmers came together around Cabot, Vermont to turn their excess milk and resources into butter through a new co-operative model, and while enduring times of both success and challenge, 100 years later, the Cabot Creamery and its farm families remain true to their co-operative mission and continue to thrive; and

**WHEREAS,** by pooling their resources, the farmers of 1919 shipped their milk and butter products to Boston and New York – markets which were hard to reach during that era; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1989, Cabot took first place in the cheddar category at the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest, kicking off years of awards at national and international competitions; and

**WHEREAS,** Cabot Creamery Cooperative has been in continuous operation in Vermont since 1919, makes a full line of cheeses, Greek yogurt, sour cream, cottage cheese and butter which are distributed to all 50 states and 22 countries, is widely known as the makers of “The World’s Best Cheddar”, and remains owned by the 1,000 dairy farm families of Agri-Mark, the Northeast’s premier dairy cooperative; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 800 Cabot farmers live and work in Vermont, more than 600 Vermonters are employed by Cabot, and since its founding, all profits have been returned to the farm families who own the co-operative – a practice that continues to this day; and

**WHEREAS,** Cabot collaborates with thousands of non-profits by honoring volunteers committed to strengthening their communities – a reflection of Cabot farmers’ values; and

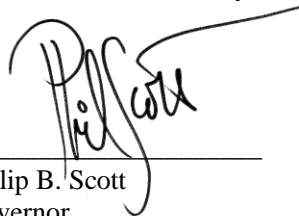
**WHEREAS,** in this Centennial Year, the farm families of Cabot are honoring with pride the cooperation and foresight of their founding farms a century ago and remain focused on ensuring the next generations of family farms are able to continue farming and contributing to the quality of life in Vermont.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 17, 2019 as


**FARM FAMILIES OF CABOT CREAMERY COOPERATIVE DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of March, A.D. 2019.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs