

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont communities welcome many new neighbors, friends, employees and citizens from countries and cultures throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters have growing social, cultural and economic ties to the global community, offering both great opportunities and challenges as we seek to communicate with and understand our international partners from different language and cultural backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** those proficient in a foreign language have greatly expanded access to a variety of experiences, communications, knowledge and career opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** foreign language educators are working cooperatively to promote the benefits of language learning to students, parents, leaders and policy makers; and

**WHEREAS,** the foreign language classroom is where language and culture intersect, and students gain new levels of appreciation and an enhanced perspective of our diverse multilingual society; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to celebrate the efforts of students, teachers, and schools, to increase the foreign language proficiency of Vermonters.

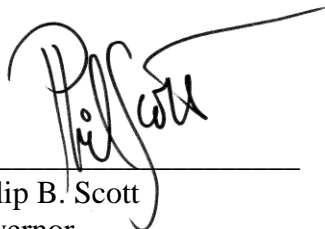
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 30, 2019 as

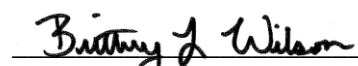
**FOREIGN LANGUAGE DAY**

in Vermont.

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



  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs