

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the 68th observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019, with the theme “PRAY for AMERICA: LOVE ONE ANOTHER” based on John 13:34, “Love one another just as I have loved you”; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775 and the United States Congress in 1952 approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year to pray in our nation; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress, by Public Law 100-307, in 1988, as amended, affirms the setting aside and proclamation of the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, leaders and citizens of our nation are afforded the privilege of prayer, affirming our spiritual heritage and the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God, we unite with others to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer with thankfulness while seeking guidance, provision, protection and purpose for the benefit of every individual and our state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we are especially thankful for those who defend our freedoms and ask for peace throughout our state, nation and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2, 2019 as

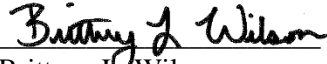
DAY OF PRAYER

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2019.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs