

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** on January 8, 2018, the Congress of the United States established the 400 Years of African-American History Commission Act (H.R. 1242); and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States appropriate for the commemoration; to recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African-Americans since 1619; to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States; and to educate the public about the arrival of Africans in the United States; and the contributions of African-Americans to the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, economic, and other organizations throughout the United States to organize and participate in anniversary activities to expand understanding and appreciation of the significance of the arrival of Africans in the United States; and the contributions of African-Americans to the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “provide technical assistance to States, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration”; and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “coordinate and facilitate for the public scholarly research on, publication about, and interpretation of the arrival of Africans in the United States; and the contributions of African-Americans to the United States”; and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “ensure that the commemoration provides a lasting legacy and long-term public benefit by assisting in the development of appropriate programs”; and
- WHEREAS,** the duties of the Commission are to “help ensure that the observances of the commemoration are inclusive and appropriately recognize the experiences and heritage of all individuals present at the arrival of Africans in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim August 24, 2019 as

FIRST AFRICAN LANDING DAY

in Vermont.



All in the State of Vermont are encouraged to learn about the Commemoration of First African Landing Day to expand understanding and appreciation of the significance of the arrival of Africans in the United States; and the contributions of African-Americans to the United States. The 4th Saturday of August shall be henceforth recognized and Commemorated as First African Landing Day in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of August, A.D. 2019.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs