

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, thousands of children are raised by grandparents, aunts, uncles or other relatives because their parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, grandparents and relatives provide for and nurture children on a day-to-day basis, often from early childhood to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives put their life plans on hold to raise children, often in unplanned circumstances; and

WHEREAS, research shows that on-going connections to family members encourages resilience and flourishing in children; and

WHEREAS, it takes a village to raise children, and with the help of community collaborators, kinship caregivers can continue to raise and support children in Vermont.

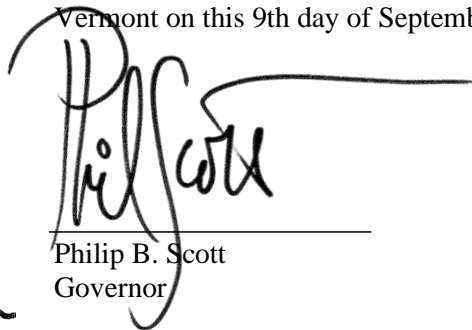
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 10-15 as

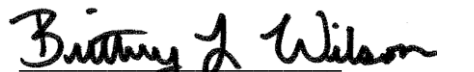
KINSHIP CARE WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2019.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs