

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

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores have been a fundamental component of the commerce, history and landscape of Vermont since its earliest days; and

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores are integral to Vermont's individuality as reflected in its towns, villages and cities; and

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores are family enterprises that represents the core Vermont values; and

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores are year-round centers for goods, news, services, information and help in times of need; and

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores are also welcome centers that contribute to the decision to visit Vermont and help make such visits rewarding; and

**WHEREAS,** independent country stores are central to mixed, innovative, and dynamic economic and community climates and are essential to families, their communities, security and their wellbeing; and

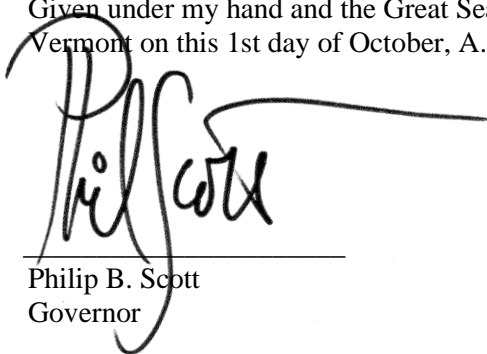
**WHEREAS,** independent country stores continue to contribute to a critical understanding and respect for Vermont's heritage.

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

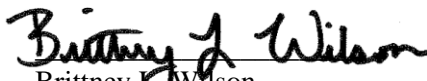
**INDEPENDENT COUNTRY STORE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of October, A.D. 2019.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs