State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, individuals, both career and volunteer - from public safety

dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management to national guard, transportation, search and rescue, dive, and other organizations in the public safety sector - come together as first responders to protect and aid the public in

the event of an emergency; and

first responders are our first and best defense against all WHEREAS,

> emergencies, whatever their nature, that threaten our communities, and are ready to aid the people of Vermont 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week: and

WHEREAS, first responders are highly trained, specialized workers who

contribute their excellent skills for the public good, often for no pay;

and

WHEREAS. courageous and selfless concern for others and the duty to protect

and serve are commonly held values among first responders; and

WHEREAS, first responders risk their own safety and well-being in the

performance of their duties to protect Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, at the request of the Interfaith Council of the Northshire

> in Bennington County, thanks each and every first responder for their invaluable and selfless contributions to communities across our beloved State and wishes to honor them for their abiding service.

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 28, 2019 as NOW, THEREFORE,

NORTHSHIRE FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

front on this 25th day of October, A.D. 2019.

Philip B. Scott

Governor

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs