

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes it was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by Indigenous Peoples of this region – the Abenaki, their ancestors and allies – and acknowledges and honors these members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Act 18 of 2019 officially establishes the second Monday of each October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to ensuring equity for Indigenous Peoples' in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 14, 2019 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of October, A.D. 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip B. Scott". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brittney L. Wilson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs