

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of Vermont’s economy, helping support our communities and families; and

WHEREAS, nearly 160,000 Vermonters are employed by small businesses, comprising nearly 60 percent of the state’s private workforce; and

WHEREAS, our Nation’s free-market, capitalist system has enabled thousands of creative and hardworking Vermont entrepreneurs to take risks and start successful small businesses, thereby creating jobs and wealth for their neighbors and communities; and

WHEREAS, across Vermont, because of their deep connections to their communities, small businesses engage in countless philanthropic, volunteer, and charitable efforts that help make our state stronger; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that state government creates a more business-friendly and affordable atmosphere in Vermont to strengthen our entrepreneurial spirit, encourage more small businesses to relocate to our state, and allow existing businesses to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, it is important consumers show their appreciation for Vermont’s small businesses by supporting local firms, shopping local, and encouraging friends and family to explore and utilize the countless goods and services Green Mountain State small businesses have to offer.

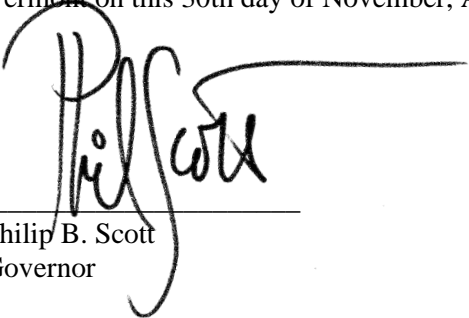
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 30, 2019 as

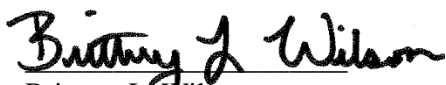
SMALL BUSINESS APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of November, A.D. 2019.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs