

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year on the third Monday of January the United States and Vermont celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, in honor of Dr. King and the Civil Rights efforts he helped lead; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King inspired a generation that helped propel a movement, to build a more equitable, fair and inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, he encouraged millions of Americans to stand up against injustice and work together to transform our nation and set an example for our children; and

WHEREAS, fifty-two years after his passing, Dr. King continues to inspire and remind us that moral leadership doesn't require power or wealth — it requires each of us to do the right thing; and

WHEREAS, that work, and his vision, is just as important today as it was then; and

WHEREAS, although great leaders like Dr. King are often the catalysts and leaders for action, it takes all people, committed to a common vision, to make real change; and

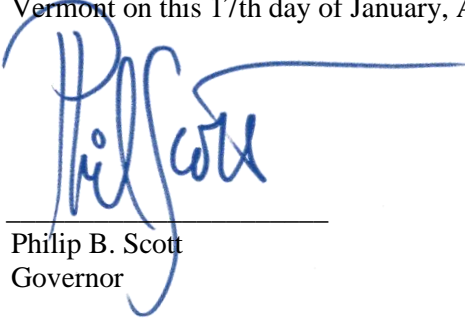
WHEREAS, as we enter a new decade, inspired by Dr. King and other civil rights icons, we must continue to find strength in the pursuit of justice and equity, and all commit to being part of something bigger than ourselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim January 20, 2020 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. APPRECIATION DAY

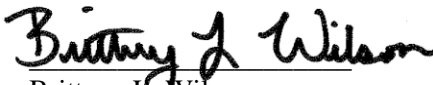
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of January, A.D. 2020.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs