

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross and the Dr. Daliah Show; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness.

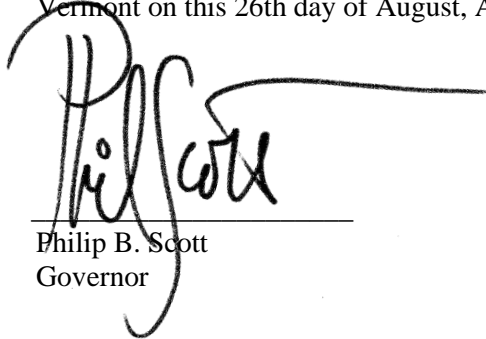
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 4, 2020 as

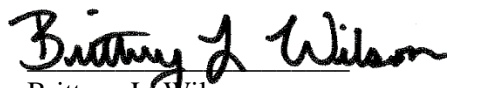
VERMONT BLOOD DONATION DAY

in Vermont and I urge all the people of Vermont to support our local blood drives as saving lives and protecting our citizens is our primary goal.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of August, A.D. 2020.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs