

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people; and

WHEREAS, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model, guiding them to make positive, healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college and other post-secondary education programs; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors also exhibit improved resiliency; better relationships with peers and family members; and feel more connected to their community and school; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors are more likely to volunteer in their communities; participate in sports and extracurricular activities; and hold a leadership position in a sports team, club, student council or other organization; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentors have provided youth with a caring friend on whom they can depend despite the public health restrictions and uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, local mentoring programs provide a connection between older and younger generations, and strengthen ties among all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, MENTOR Vermont has served as a statewide mentoring partnership, and is committed to closing the mentoring gap by providing support and connection for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout Vermont; and

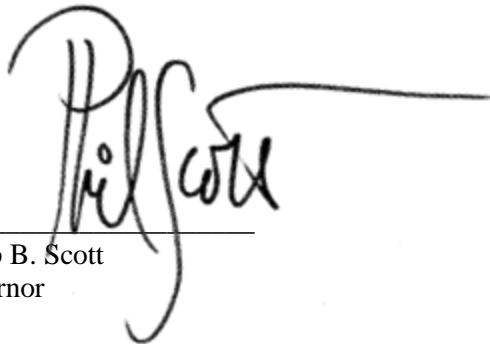
WHEREAS, Vermont mentoring programs, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations throughout the state, are committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim January 2021 as

MENTORING MONTH

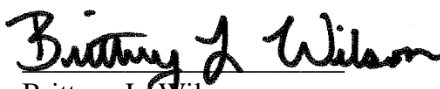
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of January, A.D. 2021.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs