

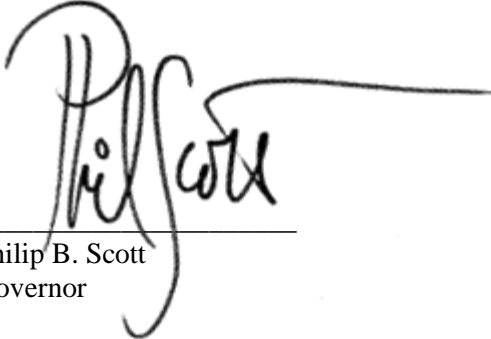
**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** school counselors are professionals who are trained in educational, social and emotional development; and
- WHEREAS,** the national emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we educate our students and highlighted the role that school counselors play in ensuring students are safe and continue to receive services, particularly those students at higher risk for mental health issues; and
- WHEREAS,** these professionals identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement existing school counseling programs; and
- WHEREAS,** school counselors are vital members of school communities and help students in the areas of academic achievement, career and social development, ensuring that they become well-adjusted adults and contributing members of our society; and
- WHEREAS,** school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests and talents related to career and college awareness and development; and
- WHEREAS,** not only do school counselors work to help students explore their potential by taking advantage of flexible pathways, but also to reach their full potential by setting achievable goals for the future; and
- WHEREAS,** school counselors often help students cope with the challenges of growing up, including social and mental health issues, and help mediate conflicts with their peers, teachers or parents; and
- WHEREAS,** the celebration of School Counseling Week increases the awareness of the important role school counselors play in the lives of students throughout Vermont.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 1-5, 2021 as

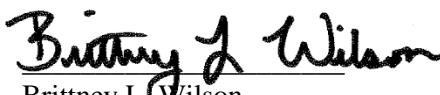
SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of January, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittny L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs