

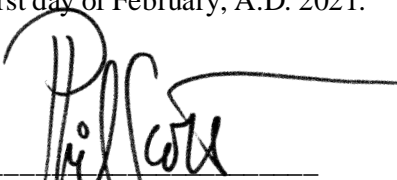
**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** February is celebrated throughout the United States as Black History Month to bring recognition to the experiences, contributions, and successes of Black Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** Black history is American history: It is rich and storied, and it long predates the First Landings that took place in the 1600s; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black community was a central and necessary force that drove many of the civil liberties and social values that Americans hold so dear today, and their immeasurable contributions to the nation's legal and cultural landscape have conferred innumerable benefits on all people in the United States for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black community in Vermont continues to embody these values through the work of individuals and organizations who have contributed to the social, economic, and political vibrancy of Vermont. Whether seen or unseen, these efforts have led to positive gains for all Vermonters and have moved the state further in its journey towards social justice; and
- WHEREAS,** the Black community has endured inequality and injustice that persists to this day. This injustice is the result of deliberate actions over the course of centuries, and therefore the State recognizes the urgent need to continue taking deliberate actions to correct this injustice and advance equity for all; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont strives to be a leader in protecting hard-fought civil rights, and is committed to eliminating hatred and bigotry in all systems and institutions to improve outcomes for all Vermonters and build more multicultural and socially cohesive communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February as

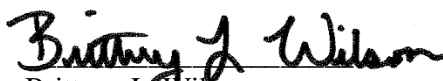
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this first day of February, A.D. 2021.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs