

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in combat across all branches of the United States military; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation from Congress creating the Medal of Honor in 1861 with the first Medal being awarded in 1863; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 4,000 individuals have received this highest honor across our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, our country has celebrated National Medal of Honor Day on March 25th since the holiday was first created by Congress and signed into law in 1990; and

WHEREAS, the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation established a national Moment of Honor in 2020 to encourage all Americans to pause, reflect and pay tribute to these heroes; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters are deeply patriotic and have a strong history of supporting the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces.

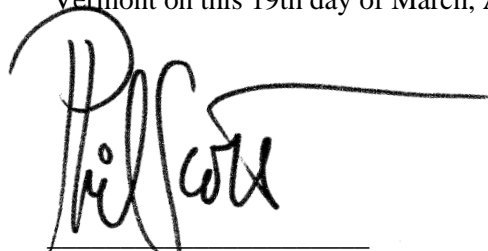
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as


MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

in Vermont.

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




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs