

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, social emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and awareness necessary to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, establish and maintain supportive relationships, feel and show empathy for others, achieve personal and collective goals, and make responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, SEL competencies develop throughout our lives and are essential to success in our schools, workplaces, homes, and communities and allow individuals to contribute meaningfully to society; and

WHEREAS, SEL can be taught and developed throughout childhood, adolescence, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Vermont schools, families and the wider community must be engaged to enhance the strength, depth, and pace of acquisition of SEL competencies; and

WHEREAS, supporting SEL is a wise use of public resources, because there can be long-term social and economic benefits to society from the implementation of evidence-based SEL.

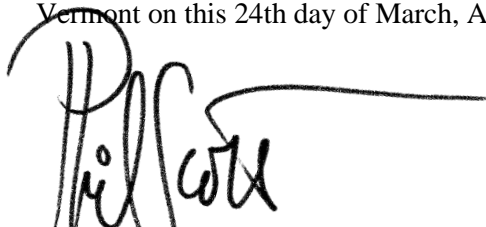
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 26, 2021 as

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING DAY

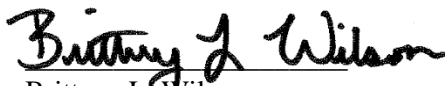
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of March, A.D. 2021.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs