

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** April 11, 2021 marks the 53rd anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has been a leader in the country by enacting the Vermont Fair Housing Act to expand on the protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act by including age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, recipient of public assistance, and people who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, or stalking as prohibited bases; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont took the further step to ensure fair housing by prohibiting discrimination against housing developments in land use and planning decisions based on the income of intended residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions and strives to be a welcoming place where opportunity is accessible to all those who aspire and where the safety and security of a home is not obstructed by discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to taking affirmative steps to ensure the right to housing choice free of illegal discrimination for all members of our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Coronavirus crisis has put additional strain on the state's housing and support services and exacerbated existing inequities, particularly for people of color; and

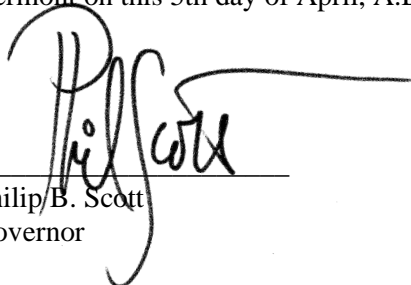
**WHEREAS,** only through the continued commitment to uphold the civil liberties of all residents of Vermont can barriers to fair housing be deconstructed and the promise of freedom and opportunity for all be fully realized.

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

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of April, A.D. 2021.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs