

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont's children and youth are our hope for the future, and we assert that all children deserve a safe, loving, stable, and nurturing home; and

WHEREAS, families, serving as the primary providers of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, are the very foundations of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, foster and kinship families, who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and their families to heal and reunify; and

WHEREAS, in Vermont, there are over 1,100 children and youth residing in foster, kinship or specialized foster homes, supported by a network of 1,500 dedicated licensed foster and kinship families, where their safety and wellbeing are ensured until their families are able to safely resume parenting responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, many foster families create permanency for foster children by adoption when those children cannot be safely reunified with their birth families; and

WHEREAS, foster care providers along with public and private community partners support the transition of youth and young adults to successful independence; and

WHEREAS, in these extraordinary times, we honor the enduring contributions of foster, kinship and adoptive parents and recognize the outstanding service and commitment foster and kinship families provide to Vermont children and youth, while recognizing that foster care supports entire families.

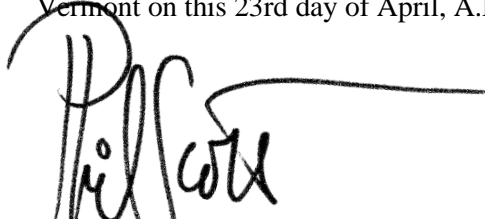
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2021 as

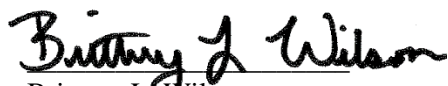
FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of April, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs