

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Vermont, celebrating and experiencing trees and forests are a way of life and are integral to our well-being; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests support our economy – they create jobs, increase property values, conserve energy, and enhance the retail experiences in our downtown and village centers; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests support our environment – they clean air and water, provide habitat for wildlife, and defend against climate change; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests support Vermonters – they keep us healthy, alleviating stress, encouraging activity, and reducing violence; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests make a difference – they are making the lives of Vermonters better; and

WHEREAS, on Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to get involved and get their hands dirty by planting and caring for trees and forests – the effort has and will pay us back; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters set aside to celebrate trees and forests and all they provide.

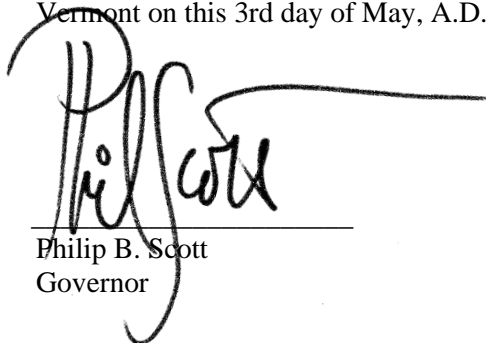
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 7, 2021 as


ARBOR DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of May, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs