

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS,

in 2019 Essex CHIPS, a Vermont non-profit youth organization based in Essex Junction, with over 30 years of experience developing and operating programs and services that help youth to thrive, designed a new national certification program (the Quality Youth Development Project - aka "QYD Project") to celebrate communities that demonstrate they support, engage, inspire, and empower youth, by the achievement of at least 7 QYD Benchmarks; and

WHEREAS,

on June 29th of 2020 the Greater Essex and Middlebury communities became the first in the nation to be recognized for their achievement of the QYD Community credential, which demonstrated their commitment to support, engage, inspire, and empower youth; and

WHEREAS,

Brattleboro and other Vermont towns and cities are similarly seeking to attain the QYD Community certification, in order to also demonstrate their commitment to help youth thrive, by achieving at least 7 QYD benchmarks.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 29, 2021 as

QUALITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (QYD) DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of June, A.D. 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip B. Scott". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittney L. Wilson".

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs