

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** twenty years ago, our country lost the lives of nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children in the devastating terror attacks on September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS,** these attacks targeted American citizens, established buildings, and distinguished locations – but these attacks also targeted those American values that bind our communities around the principles of freedom, justice, and prosperity; and

**WHEREAS,** every American – from all backgrounds – felt the pain of these attacks, however, that pain did not divide us, but instead, it united us, depriving the attackers of their intended objective, and in our darkest hour, we joined together as one country to reaffirm our values of service and strength upon which our country was built; and

**WHEREAS,** those deadly attacks changed the course of history and the meaning of this day, which will forever be a reminder of the lives lost, and of the evil and cowardice by which such acts of terror are inspired, but most importantly, they will be a reminder of the importance of unity, courage, and bravery in the face of adversity; and

**WHEREAS,** on this day, let us remember the lives lost both from the deadly attacks on September 11th, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve our nation in the years that followed; and

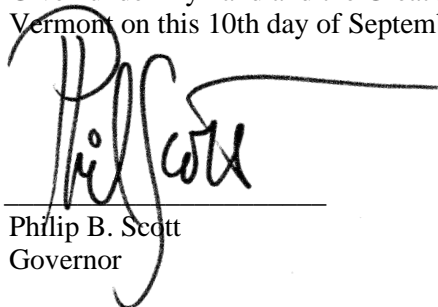
**WHEREAS,** in the days, weeks and months after those attacks, people across the country displayed American flags, demonstrating the unity and pride we had as a nation and on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's recapture and reignite that spirit of unity by displaying American flags all across our beautiful state.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 11, 2021 as

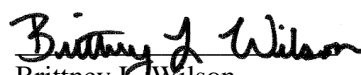
**PATRIOT DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all Vermonters and municipalities to display the American flag.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of September, A.D. 2021.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs