

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, research shows that on-going connections to family members encourages resilience and flourishing in children; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives provide for and nurture children throughout Vermont on a day-to-day basis, often from early childhood to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children are raised by relatives when their parents are unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, these relatives care for children, often in unplanned circumstances, and assume the responsibilities of being parents which makes a big impact on everyone's lives; and

WHEREAS, it takes a village to raise children, and with the help of community collaborators, kinship caregivers can continue to raise and support children in Vermont.

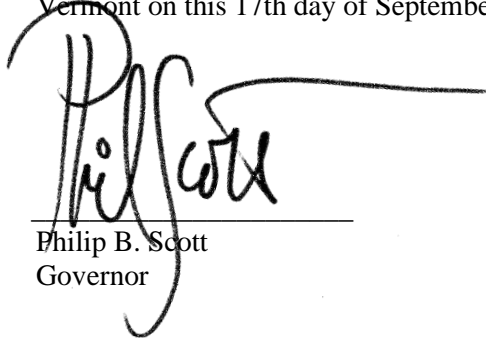
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2021 as

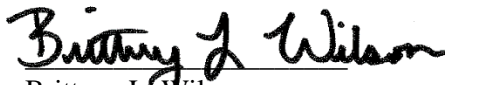
KINSHIP CARE WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of September, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs