

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, nearly 14% of Vermont youth aged 12-17 reported alcohol use in the last month. Additionally, 12.8% of Vermont youth aged 12-17 reported marijuana use in the last month which is almost double the rest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 9 out of 10 people with substance use disorder started using by age 18; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 39% of Vermonters aged 18-25 reported marijuana use in the last month and Vermonters aged 18-25 have some of the highest rates of past year cocaine use; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation for a Drug-Free World routinely provides free, non-political, non-religious, easy-to-understand drug education materials to requesting Vermont educators, counselors, organizations and individuals, in hard copy and online, both during Red Ribbon Week in October and throughout the year; and

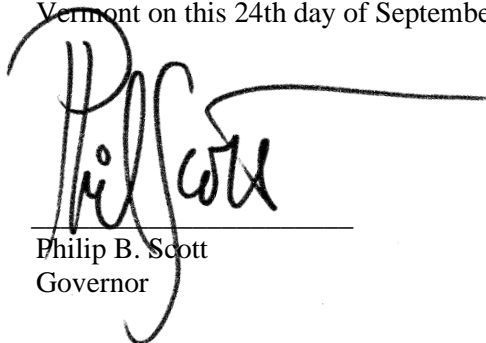
WHEREAS, extending the time of drug education in October can help Educators reach more students and given that the Foundation for a Drug-Free World has empowered more than 13 million students with the Truth About Drugs curricula in over 30,000 schools and institutions worldwide.

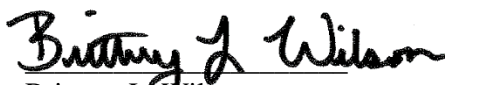
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 2021 as

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE EDUCATION MONTH
in Vermont.**



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of September, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs