

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are nearly 2.5 million farmworkers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, agriculture is a thriving industry that provides \$1.1 trillion in economic impact and provides food for a U.S. population of more than 328 million, as well as a global people; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy and affordable food; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are the critical first step in our food supply chain; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are #AlwaysEssential and often unseen in their contribution to the foods we purchase; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers provide highly skilled, and often difficult labor that is often taken for granted; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers continue to work through, meet and exceed the challenges of Mother Nature, and perform under pressure throughout the pandemic and other global challenges; and

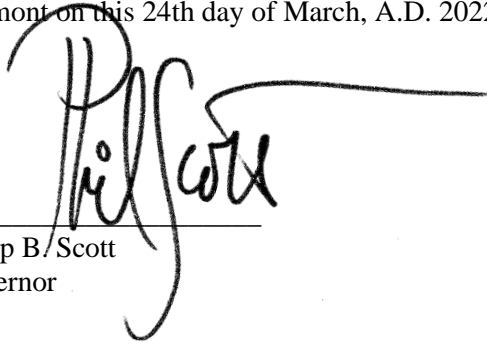
WHEREAS, the need for farmworkers continues to grow as the United States continues to produce food for an ever-growing world population.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 25-31, 2022 as

FARMWORKER AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of March, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor



Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs