

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

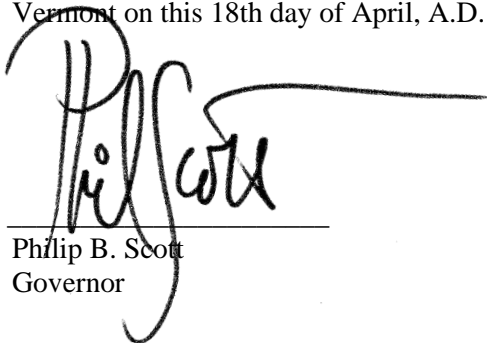
- WHEREAS,** the late 19th century introduction of electrification into Vermont and its broader installation throughout the state during the 20th century marked a fundamental change in Vermonters' daily lives; and
- WHEREAS,** key to the rollout and continuity of electrification has been the electric utility lineworkers, whose patience and skill are fundamental to keeping the system operating fully and properly; and
- WHEREAS,** electric utility lineworkers strung the first lines that introduced electricity to Vermont bereft of the modern technology used today, with minimal, if any, mapping to guide them across new terrain, and ignorant of fundamental safety rules that are now universally observed; and
- WHEREAS,** the remarkable achievements of these first electric utility lineworkers subtracts nothing from the astounding accomplishments of their contemporary counterparts; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2022, electric utility lineworkers maintain a network of electric power lines that represents a degree of advanced technical sophistication; and
- WHEREAS,** these workers are reliable, highly trained, and dedicated to ensuring the power remains on and, if disrupted, restored as quickly as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** lineworkers leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on; and
- WHEREAS,** most noteworthy is the beyond-the-call-of-duty performance of electric utility lineworkers in the wake of severe weather and natural- and human-caused disasters, when they work incredible hours under unbelievably difficult conditions to restore power; and
- WHEREAS,** electric utility lineworkers assist their colleagues when similar disasters strike other states and Canadian provinces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 18, 2022 as


**ELECTRIC UTILITY LINEWORKERS
APPRECIATION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs