

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in Vermont, celebrating trees and forests is a way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests are integral to our individual and community well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests are cornerstones of our environment – they clean air and water, sequester carbon, support biodiversity, and provide habitat for wildlife and for us; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests support our local economy by creating a place, offering natural and renewable resources, and sustaining jobs in arboriculture, forestry, logging, crafts, and trades; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests support all who live, work, and play among them by keeping us healthy, alleviating stress, encouraging activity, and reducing violence; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests make a difference – they are making the lives of Vermonters better; and

**WHEREAS,** on Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to see, appreciate, and steward trees and forests, an effort that has and will support us and our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate trees and forests and all they provide.

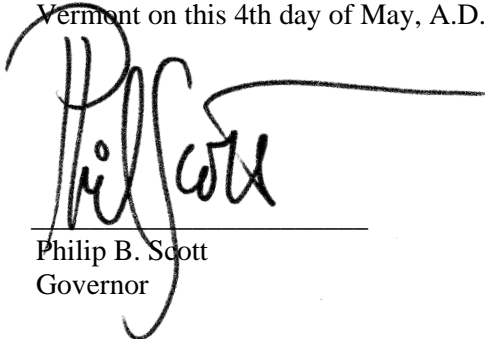
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 6, 2022 as

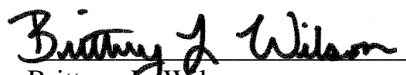
**ARBOR DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2022.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs