

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, all individuals deserve the right to high quality health care; and

WHEREAS, nurses provide unique and invaluable services including educating, advocating, and caring for all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability; and

WHEREAS, nurses have served a critical role in improving the health and well-being of all individuals since the inception of modern day nursing theory of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War; and

WHEREAS, there are over 14,000 registered nurses in the state of Vermont caring for our communities representing one of the largest professions in the state; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, throughout every hospital admission, every symptomatic student, every call to a care provider, and through each one of the 608 tragic deaths, a nurse was there to care for the sick, and to comfort those who worried and grieved; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association and the Vermont State Chapter of the American Nurses Association recognize the invaluable contributions of the nursing workforce and celebrate their accomplishments throughout some of the profession's most challenging time.

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

NURSES DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of May, A.D. 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Scott', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs