

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** our communities benefit from the social ties, neighborhood stability and efficient use of scarce resources when Vermonters share housing; and
- WHEREAS,** homesharing offers older adults and individuals with disabilities a housing alternative that enables them to remain in their home and community; and
- WHEREAS,** homesharing provides an economical housing option to individuals of all ages who need an affordable place to live, many of whom provide some service in exchange for a below market rent; and
- WHEREAS,** homesharing can be helpful for individuals in a life transition such as a recent loss of a spouse, financial hardship or educational pursuits; and
- WHEREAS,** homesharing can promote intergenerational and cross cultural understanding and is mutually beneficial, helping two individuals at the same time; and
- WHEREAS,** HomeShare Vermont has been providing a comprehensive screening and matching service for 40 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is a national and international leader in the homesharing movement providing technical assistance and support to help other programs get started and succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** outcome data over the last 20 years consistently demonstrates homesharing can help elders and other individuals by substantially improving their quality of life including feeling safer, happier, less lonely and even sleep better by sharing a home; and
- WHEREAS,** the establishment of Vermont Homesharing Week serves to recognize the importance of homesharing in Vermont as an affordable housing option, recognize those individuals who share their homes and further awareness as to the benefits of homesharing with Vermonters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 5-11, 2022 as


HOMESHARING WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of June, A.D. 2022.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs