

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters recognize the often thankless job of waste and recycling workers; and

**WHEREAS,** John Arwood, second-generation owner of Arwood Site Services, began the annual observance of National Garbage Man Day on June 17, 2012, which was renamed to Waste and Recycling Workers Week in 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** the people employed by local refuse collection and hauling companies contracted by Vermont make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** with an area spanning 9,616 square miles and thousands of miles of roads, Vermont depends on the collection of waste and recyclables to promote a clean and safe community and recognizes these workers as First Responders; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the eradication of many diseases in the Western World is due in large part to higher public sanitation standards resulting from effective garbage disposal; and

**WHEREAS,** the proper collection and disposal of waste and recyclables are vital to preventing disease, litter, and dump heaps; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont values and celebrates our local sanitation industry employees for their commitment to our residents, businesses, and communities in keeping our neighborhoods and streets safe and clean.

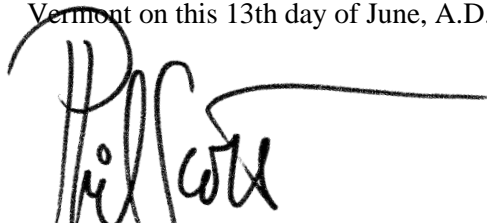
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 12-18, 2022 as


**WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of June, A.D. 2022.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs