

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS,

in 2019 Essex CHIPS, a Vermont non-profit youth organization based in Essex Junction, with over 30 years of experience developing and operating programs and services that help youth to thrive, designed a new national certification program (the Quality Youth Development Project - aka "QYD Project") to celebrate communities that demonstrate they support, engage, inspire, and empower youth, by the achievement of at least seven QYD Benchmarks; and

WHEREAS,

on June 29th of 2020 the Greater Essex and Middlebury communities became the first in the nation to be recognized for their achievement of the QYD Community credential, which demonstrated their commitment to support, engage, inspire, and empower youth; and

WHEREAS,

Brattleboro and Stowe of Vermont subsequently each became a certified QYD Community in 2021 (the 3rd and 4th in the nation), and other Vermont towns and cities are similarly seeking to attain the QYD Community certification, in order to also demonstrate their commitment to help youth thrive, by achieving at least seven QYD benchmarks.

NOW, THEREFORE,

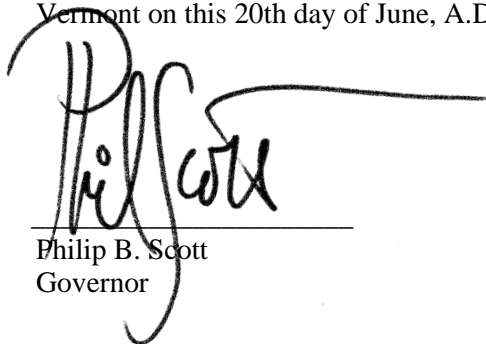
I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim June 27, 2022 as

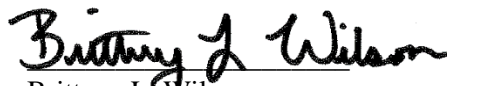
QUALITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (QYD) DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of June, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs