

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, August 24, 2022 marks the 31st anniversary of Ukraine’s declaration of independence from the Soviet Union and six months to the day Russia invaded this sovereign democracy on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Russian invasion of 2022, and the previous eight years following Russia’s seizure of Crimea and military intervention in eastern Ukraine, has left 14,000 dead, nearly a quarter of them civilians; and

WHEREAS, Russia has targeted civilian areas including train stations, hospitals, office buildings, apartments and public markets, as well as 260 cultural heritage sites; and

WHEREAS, Vermont’s people, government and civic organizations have consistently supported Ukraine’s work to build healthy and vibrant democratic institutions and have assisted with broad-based financial and moral support during the war with Russia; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainians have demonstrated their commitment to core democratic principles since their independence from the Soviet Union in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people because of their commitment to democracy, support their right to defend freedom and repel aggressors, regain full sovereignty, and resume their rightful place among the European community and peaceful democracies of the world.

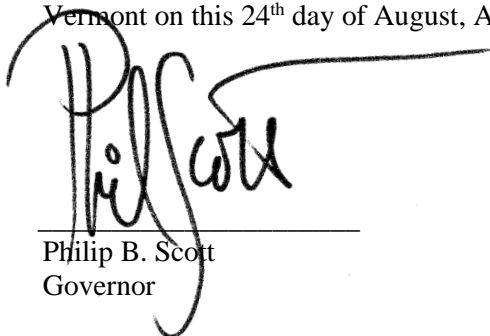
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby recognize August 24, 2022 as

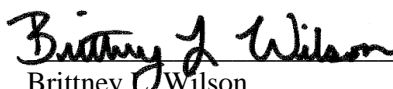
UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of August, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs