

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

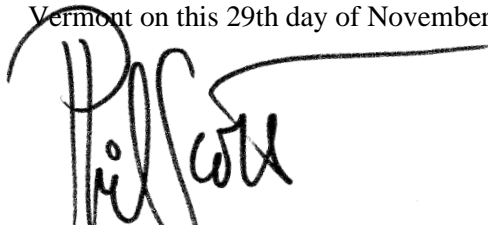
- WHEREAS,** November 2022 is recognized as National Native American Heritage Month and offers the opportunity to recognize Indigenous peoples in Vermont and across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes it was founded and built upon N'dakina, the ancestral lands first inhabited and stewarded by Indigenous peoples of this region – the Abenaki, the Pennacook, and the Mohican – and acknowledges and honors these members of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** through Act R-114 of 2021, the Vermont Legislature formally apologized and expressed sorrow for Vermont's historic support and participation in eugenics policies and practices against Indigenous people; and
- WHEREAS,** by acknowledging historical harm, the state has taken an important first step towards restorative justice, yet there is still work to be done to move towards justice for Indigenous communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to ensuring equity for Indigenous peoples in our state; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont acknowledges the many practices which come from Indigenous teachings including fire management, crop rotation and maple sugaring; and
- WHEREAS,** the Abenaki have called these lands home for thousands of years, and today Vermont is also proud to have Indigenous people in Vermont from tribes with roots all around the country.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2022 as


NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of November, A.D. 2022.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs