

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the following Article of Amendment to the State Constitution has been submitted to a direct vote of the voters of the State for their ratification and adoption, as provided by the Constitution and by 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 32, to wit:

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT 2

That Article 1 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is amended to read:

Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited]

That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore ~~no person born in this country, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, costs, or the like~~ slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited.

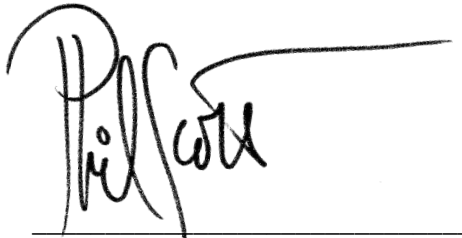
**AND WHEREAS**, it appears that said Article of Amendment has been ratified and adopted by a majority of the voters voting thereon, according to the returns made, as required by said statute, this day opened and tabulated in the manner provided therein.

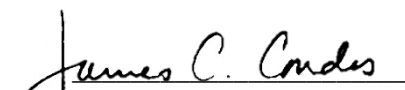
**NOW, THEREFORE**, as directed by Title 17 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 1849, I do hereby make proclamation that said Article of Amendment to the State Constitution has been duly ratified and adopted by the people of this State and has become a part of the Constitution thereof, and require all magistrates and officers, and all citizens of the State to take notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.



By the Governor:

In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Montpelier, the thirteenth day of December A.D. 2022.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
James C. Condos  
Secretary of State