## 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 5

That Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.

**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.

FREEDOM 9

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