

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** social emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and awareness necessary to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, establish and maintain supportive relationships, feel and show empathy for others, achieve personal and collective goals, and make responsible decisions (CASEL, 2023); and

**WHEREAS,** SEL competencies develop throughout our lives and are essential to success in our schools, workplaces, homes, and communities and allow individuals to contribute meaningfully to society; and

**WHEREAS,** SEL can be taught and developed throughout childhood, adolescence, and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont schools, families and the wider community must be engaged to enhance the strength, depth, and pace of acquisition of SEL competencies; and

**WHEREAS,** supporting SEL is an important way to produce long-term social and economic benefits to society from the implementation of evidence-based SEL; and

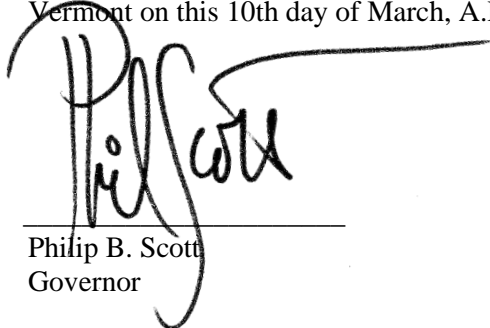
**WHEREAS,** SEL and mental wellness are core components of Vermont's Education Recovery framework, because it is difficult for students to learn and thrive academically without healthy psychosocial functioning.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 10, 2023 as

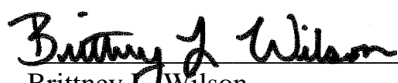
**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of March, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney D. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs