

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in Vermont, celebrating trees and forests is a way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests are integral to our individual and community well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests cover nearly 75% of Vermont’s landscape – cleaning air and water, reducing stormwater runoff, sequestering and storing carbon, supporting biodiversity, and providing habitat for wildlife and for us; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests support our local economy by creating a place offering natural and renewable resources, and sustaining jobs in arboriculture, forestry, logging, crafts and trades; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests support all who live, work and play among them by keeping us healthy, alleviating stress, providing shade, and encouraging recreation; and

**WHEREAS,** trees and forests make a difference – they are making the lives of Vermonters better; and

**WHEREAS,** on Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to see, appreciate, and care for trees and forests, an effort that has and will support us and our communities; and

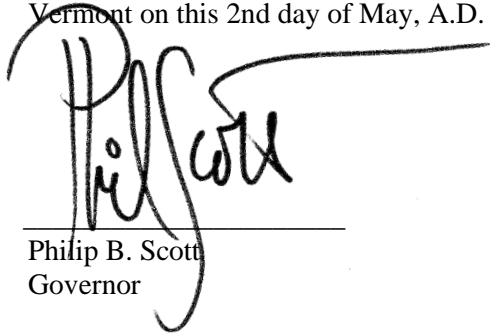
**WHEREAS,** the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate trees and forests and all they provide.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 5, 2023 as

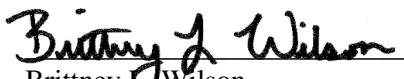
**ARBOR DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of May, A.D. 2023.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs