

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, active-duty military family members in the United States form an important part of the country's military community, as approximately half of all active-duty service members have a spouse and more than one-third have children, according to data from the U.S. Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, families of military members are often required to spend extended periods of time away from their loved ones and to relocate frequently, sometimes through multiple deployments, all while maintaining household operations; and

WHEREAS, supporting military families helps ensure members of the military are able to focus on their important mission of serving the state and country, knowing their loved ones are cared for while they are away; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 citizen soldiers and airmen serve in the Vermont National Guard, and the Vermont National Guard Family Programs provides support for their families and other military families in the state; and

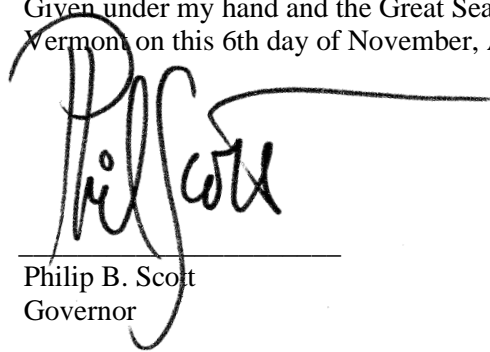
WHEREAS, Military Family Month provides all Vermonters with the opportunity to honor the daily sacrifices, selfless contributions, and exceptional patriotism of military families across the state and country; and

WHEREAS, this month, Vermont joins military families throughout the state in celebrating Military Family Month and recognizing the ongoing contributions military families make in support of their loved ones and in service to the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2023 as

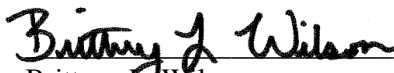
MILITARY FAMILY MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of November, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs