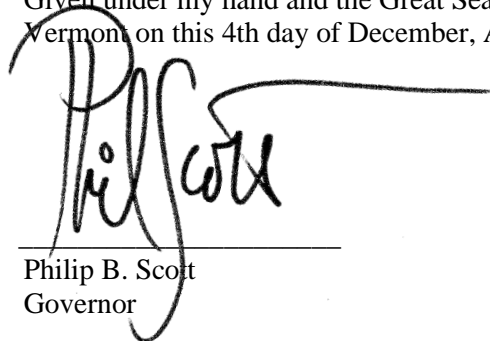


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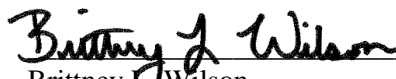
- WHEREAS,** Computer Science Education Week highlights the crucial role that computer science plays in transforming our society and how computer science enables innovation and creates economic opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** computing technology is an integral part of modern life and is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and
- WHEREAS,** computer science and computing is transforming industry in Vermont with approximately 1,500 open computing jobs in 2023; and
- WHEREAS,** the field of computer science is a foundational subject area for Vermont's economy and security; and
- WHEREAS,** providing computer science opportunities to students is shown to improve critical thinking, reasoning, and academic outcomes; and
- WHEREAS,** all students deserve thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and
- WHEREAS,** participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to take up the field of computer science; and
- WHEREAS,** the field of computer science has significant barriers to address including more participation by groups historically underrepresented in computer science, including women.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim December 4-10, 2023, as

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of December, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs