

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; 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

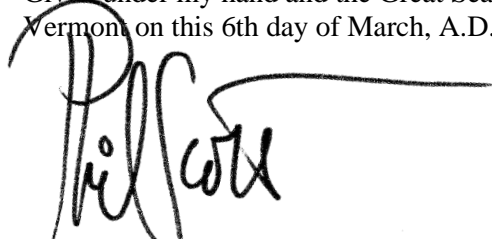
WHEREAS, SEL and mental wellness are core components of Vermont's Education Recovery framework, because it is difficult for students to learn and thrive academically without healthy psychosocial functioning.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 8th day of March, 2024, as

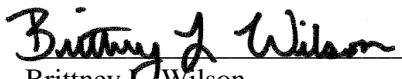
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AWARENESS DAY
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of March, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney D. Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs