## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the High Fives Foundation was founded by Roy Tuscany to emphasize the

importance of sports and outdoor activities being active, adaptive, and accessible for

all to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS.** spinal cord injuries and other serious injuries can permanently affect athletes from

enjoying sports they have fallen in love with over the years, or trying out new sports

and activities; and

WHEREAS, the High Fives Foundation aims to create a shift in adventure sports that expands

what is possible for those who have faced life-changing injuries, providing resources,

hope, and accessibility to a variety of activities; and

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, the High Fives Foundation has served 759 athletes, funded over

1,400 grants, and distributed over \$10 million while continuing in the future to reach

more athletes; and

WHEREAS, HaveADay – International Adaptive Activity Day was created by the High Fives

Foundation with the support of The Kelly Brush Foundation and Victoria's Victory Foundation to encourage Adaptive Athletes to get outside and do something they

love; and

WHEREAS, on HaveADay, athletes can use #haveAday to promote activity and inclusion, not

only in Vermont, but across the globe.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024, as

## HAVEADAY - INTERNATIONAL ADAPTIVE ACTIVITY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Wermont on this 1st day of Augst, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney **(**) Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs