

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, individuals, both career and volunteer – from public safety dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, hazardous material response, and emergency management to national guard, transportation, search and rescue, dive, and other organizations in the public safety sector – come together as first responders to protect and aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, first responders are ready to aid the people of Vermont 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are our first and best defense against all emergencies, whatever their nature, that threaten our communities; and

WHEREAS, first responders are highly trained, specialized workers who contribute their expert skills for the public good, often for no pay; and

WHEREAS, courageous and selfless concern for others and the duty to protect and serve are commonly held values among first responders; and

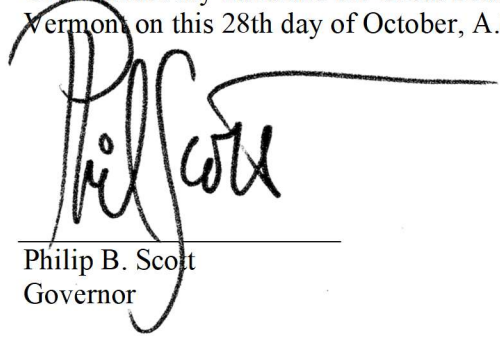
WHEREAS, first responders risk their own safety and well-being in the performance of their duties to protect Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, Vermont thanks each and every first responder for their invaluable and selfless contributions to communities across our beloved state and wishes to honor them for their abiding service.

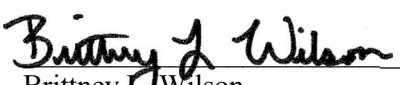
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 28th day of October, 2024 as

**FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of October, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs