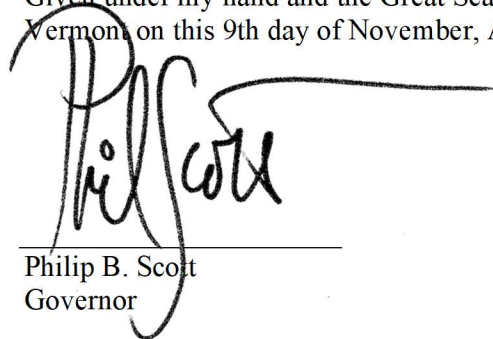


**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

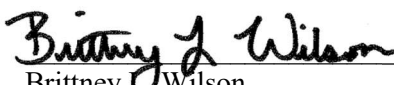
- WHEREAS,** the health and well-being of all Vermonters are key to the prosperity and vitality of our state; and
- WHEREAS,** the New England Chapter of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS New England) has a diverse membership spread throughout Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** HIMSS members across Vermont represent hospitals, physician practices, managed care organizations, integrated delivery systems, nonprofit healthcare organizations and government agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** historically marginalized people often faced preventable differences in their health due to structural disadvantages and diminished opportunities in healthcare, education, social support, economic stability, and the environment, highlighting the need for dedicated efforts to achieve health equity; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to highlight the critical importance of secure and efficient information systems to improving the delivery of healthcare in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** information technology and management systems can be used to supply quality jobs, improve healthcare delivery, enable coordination between providers and patients, improve patient's safety, transform healthcare, and minimize health disparities for all Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is proud to honor the commitment and service of the state's clinicians, executives and information technology professionals who provide technology and information to transform health and support the elimination of health inequities; and
- WHEREAS,** the observance of Global Health Equity Week presents a valuable opportunity to raise awareness and advance understanding of health disparities and the steps necessary to illuminate them.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 11-14, 2024 as

**HEALTH EQUITY WEEK**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of November, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs