

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont communities are composed of people who are all different, yet all live, work, and reside together in towns and cities across the state; and

WHEREAS, in the course of living and working together there is sometimes conflict and even behaviors like bullying that cause strife and hardship; and

WHEREAS, many children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually, causing pain and health repercussions that can last for years; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, the presence of bullying in our communities creates an environment that may hold children back from reaching their potential; and

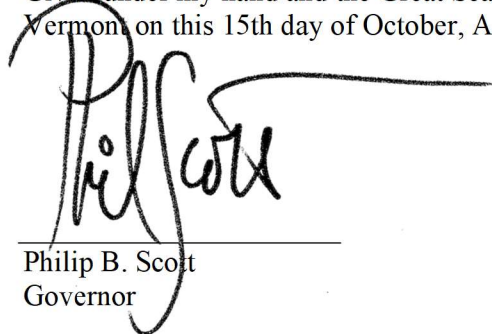
WHEREAS, research has shown that promoting and modeling the prosocial behaviors of kindness, acceptance of difference, and inclusion creates healthier communities for all people with fewer incidences of bullying; and

WHEREAS, the town of Hartland fosters coming together, united in desire to create a healthier community for all, and encourages all Vermonters to join them in celebrating Unity Day.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 16th day of October, 2024 as

UNITY DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of October, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs