

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

**WHEREAS,** Vermont cheesemakers produce hundreds of different varieties of cheese using cow, goat and sheep’s milk; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has the highest number of cheesemakers per capita of any state in the union with one for every 13,000 residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont maintains an international reputation for exceptional cheesemaking standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont’s cheese producers range in size from small family farms that use their own milk to those who partner with over 400 dairy farms; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont cheese exceeds \$650 Million in annual sales; and

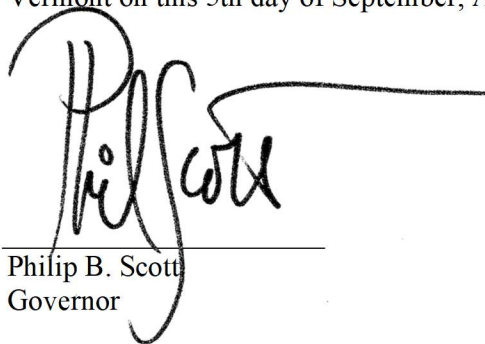
**WHEREAS,** over two-thirds of Vermont’s cheese producers keep historic traditional alive by making cheese by hand; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2023, Vermont cheese producers won 142 cheese competition awards, one-third of which came from international events such as the World Cheese Awards and International Cheese & Dairy Awards.

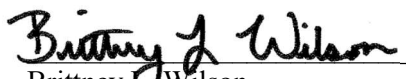
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the week of September 8-14, 2024, as

**VERMONT CHEESE WEEK**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of September, A.D. 2024

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs