

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in 1992, Morrill Worcester, of Maine, began the tradition of laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery each holiday season, to honor each branch of the military, service men and women; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, to continue and expand the effort; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2008, the U.S. Congress unanimously voted and declared “Wreaths Across America Day” to be celebrated annually; and

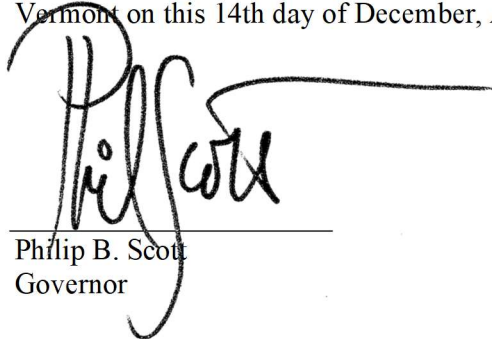
WHEREAS, the mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, today the ceremony is celebrated on a mid-Saturday of December and encompasses more than 4,600 locations in all 50 states, including Vermont, at sea and abroad, to honor veterans from as far back as the Revolutionary War.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 14th day of December, 2024 as

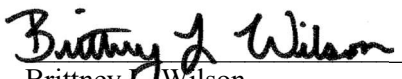
**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of December, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs