

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, mental illness, addictions and co-occurring conditions affect millions of individuals as well as their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, mental illness affects one in every four people annually; and

WHEREAS, more than 23 million adults have overcome alcohol and other drug problems; and

WHEREAS, people living with these conditions need help and hope, including a community that supports them, their families, and their recovery; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being, and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these sometimes chronic, yet treatable, health conditions; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's mental health and addiction recovery organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the need for access to prevention, treatment, and peer-based recovery services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's "Recovery Day" is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental illness, addictions, and co-occurring conditions respond well to proper and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2017 as

RECOVERY DAY

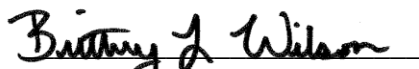
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of February, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs