

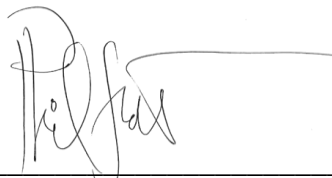
**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermont is blessed with abundant lakes and streams, including Lake Champlain, a world-renowned international fresh water ecosystem of great beauty and significance; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont citizens rely on clean surface waters as sources of drinking water and for recreation, including swimming, fishing, boating, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** clean water is critical for the health of wildlife and the ecological systems of the Green Mountain State; and
- WHEREAS,** the storm water, wastewater and drinking water systems in communities around Vermont are the first and most critical protections and barriers against water pollution to protect the public health; and
- WHEREAS,** the storm water, wastewater and drinking water systems and the staff that operate them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year are public servants dedicated to protecting public health and the environment and deserve the understanding and support of the Vermont citizenry; and
- WHEREAS,** wastewater treatment facilities and drinking water treatment facilities around the state will host simultaneous open houses and offer tours on May 19, 2017, so that Vermonters can learn more about this vital, but hidden infrastructure.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2017 as

**WATER QUALITY DAY**

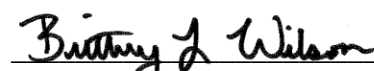
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of May, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs