State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont encourages students to develop healthy, lifelong habits of

eating nutritious local food; and

WHEREAS, Vermont students access educational materials, courses and

workshops, farm and business visits, and hands-on learning to connect agriculture with career opportunities, as well as a sense of

place; and

WHEREAS, Vermont school kitchens optimize fresh and locally grown,

produced, and processed food in their programs; and

WHEREAS, Vermont farmers take advantage of the size and stability of direct

sales markets to diversify their revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, Vermont students' participation in child nutrition programs is

increased through expansion of available foods; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Farm to School Network goals include that by 2025,

food system education and community-based learning will increase to 75 percent, and local and regional purchasing will increase to 50

percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2017

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of September, A.D. 2017.

Philip B Scott

Governor

Brittney I Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs