

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, pets provide companionship to most households in the United States and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, most pets living in poverty and nearly all community cats, feral and stray are unaltered; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals that are put down in animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, programs exist in Vermont to assist with the cost of spaying and neutering pets living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protecting organizations, and private citizens work together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats through “World Spay Day” in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on World Spay Day 2018.

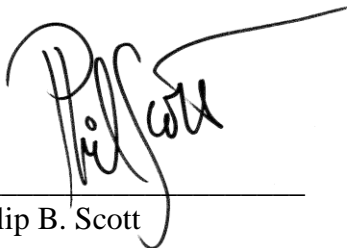
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2018 as

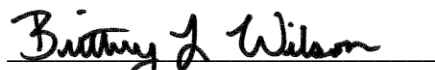
SPAY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of January, A.D. 2018.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs