

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, since December 1867, the Order of the Patrons and Husbandry, better known as the Grange, has advocated on behalf of agricultural communities and families; and

WHEREAS, as the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, the Grange now has more than 150,000 members in near 2,000 communities in 37 states; and

WHEREAS, the Grange provides service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America; and

WHEREAS, formed in the years following the Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation's farm population, the Grange now includes non-farm rural individuals and families in strengthening our communities and providing a social gathering place for activities and recreation, a place to develop skills for a lifetime, and a family-oriented organization that provides lifetime membership.

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

GRANGE MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2018

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittney L. Wilson', written over a horizontal line.
Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs