

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**


- WHEREAS,** the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people; and
- WHEREAS,** mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model, guiding them toward making positive, healthy choices; and
- WHEREAS,** youth with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college and other post-secondary education programs; and
- WHEREAS,** mentored youth also exhibit improved resiliency, better relationships with peers and family members, and feel more connected to their community and school; and
- WHEREAS,** collaborative mentoring programs supported by the entire community, locally and statewide, are more visible, and therefore, able to serve more youth; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2013, MENTOR Vermont (formerly known as Mobius) has served as a statewide mentoring partnership and is committed to closing the mentoring gap by providing support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont mentoring programs, MENTOR Vermont, and other public and private organizations throughout Vermont are committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim January 2019 as

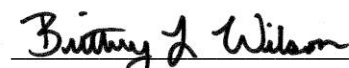
MENTORING MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of January, A.D. 2019.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs