

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, serious illness, accident or injury can happen to anyone at any time regardless of age or health status; and

WHEREAS, it is in everyone's best interest to have their goals and values known at times of incapacity and end-of-life; and

WHEREAS, under the Laws of 2005, Act No. 55 (the "Act"), the state expressly recognized the fundamental right of an adult to determine the extent of health care the individual will receive, including treatment provided during periods of incapacity and at the end-of-life and enabled adults to retain control over their own health care through the use of advance directives; and

WHEREAS, as directed by the Act, the Vermont Department of Health developed and now maintains an electronic Advance Directive Registry where individuals may register Advance Directives online to ensure critical health care decisions will be honored by hospitals and other health care providers who need quick access to them in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, by completing an Advance Directive, Vermonters are able to communicate their health care goals, preferences and priorities in advance of a health crisis.

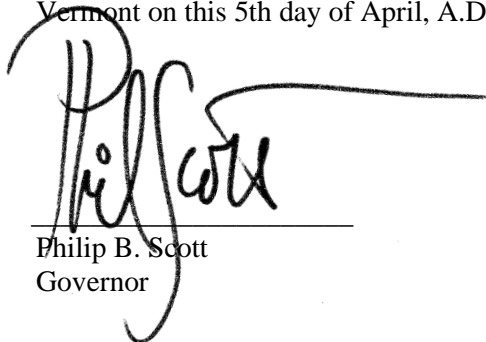
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 11-17, 2021 as

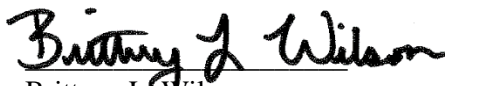
ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of April, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs