

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, emergency medical service (EMS) is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, EMS has been essential in Vermont's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with carrying out testing and vaccination programs including hosting numerous clinics as part of EMS Week; and

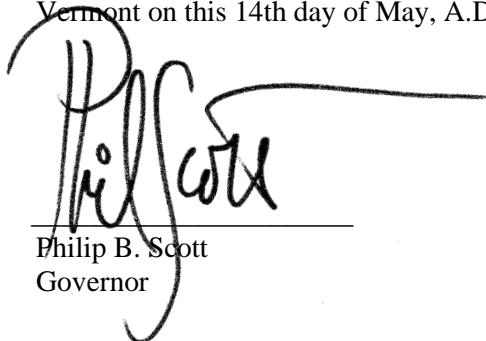
WHEREAS, the best way to thank EMS workers this year is to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Anyone 12 and older can make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at healthvermont.gov/myvaccine.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2021 as

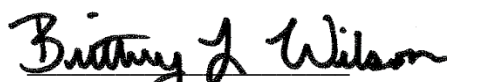
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of May, A.D. 2021.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs