

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

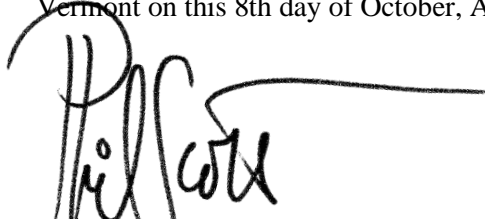
- WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes it was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by Indigenous Peoples of this region – the Abenaki, their ancestors and allies – and acknowledges and honors these members of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** Act 18 of 2019 officially establishes the second Monday of each October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and
- WHEREAS,** through Act R-114 of 2021, the Vermont Legislature formally apologized and expressed sorrow for Vermont’s historic support and participation in eugenics policies and practices against indigenous people; and
- WHEREAS,** by acknowledging historical harm, the state has taken an important first step towards restorative justice; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to ensuring equity for Indigenous Peoples in our state and acknowledging their important contributions to our communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 11, 2021 as

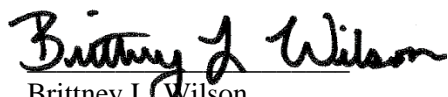
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of October, A.D. 2021.




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs