

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** April 2022 marks the anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has been a leader in the country by enacting a law to extend protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, age, marital status, gender identity, recipients of public assistance, and people who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, and stalking as protected classes; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont took the further step to ensure fair housing by prohibiting discrimination against housing developments in land use and planning decisions based on the income of intended residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions and strives to be a welcoming place where opportunity is accessible to all those who aspire and where the safety and security of a home is not obstructed by discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to taking affirmative steps to ensure the right to housing choice free of illegal discrimination for all members of our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the Coronavirus pandemic disproportionately affected those most vulnerable and the State is committed to utilizing the unprecedented investments in housing infrastructure to address the acute housing needs of the most vulnerable; and

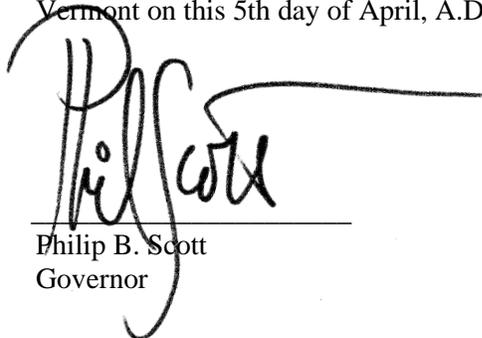
**WHEREAS,** only through the continued commitment to uphold the civil liberties of all residents of Vermont can barriers to fair housing be deconstructed and the promise of freedom and opportunity for all be fully realized.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 2022 as

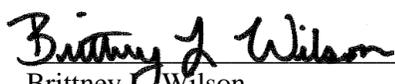
**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of April, A.D. 2022.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs