

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, substance use disorder, mental health needs and co-occurring conditions affect millions of individuals as well as their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, Vermont continues to see increasing rates of alcohol attributable deaths, fatal opioid overdose deaths, and death by suicide; and

WHEREAS, people living with these conditions need help and hope, including a community that supports them, their families, and their recovery; and

WHEREAS, Vermont recovery coaches, centers, and other staff provide lifesaving supports in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being, and quality of life of some Vermonters are impacted by chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, which can be exacerbated by inequitable access to safe, affordable housing, food, transportation, childcare, and other social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, Vermont’s “Recovery Day” is designed to remind all Vermonters that substance use disorder, mental health needs, and co-occurring conditions respond well to proper and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences; and

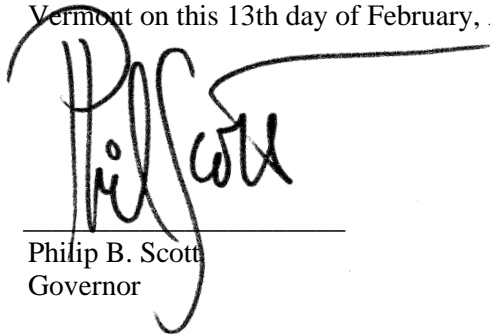
WHEREAS, support for Vermont’s systems means recovery is not just possible but probable for all Vermonters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 15, 2023 as

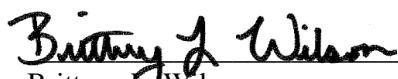
RECOVERY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of February, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs