State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Vermont Senior Games Association was established to promote fun,

fitness, and fellowship among the growing population of Vermonters who are 50

years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Senior Games Association's programs range from informal physical

fitness activities and sports training clinics to athletic competitions in nationally sanctioned events, including basketball, tennis, cycling, golf, racquet sports,

swimming, table tennis, track and field, triathlon and more; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Senior Games Association organizes the demanding annual Vermont

Senior Games Championships that enable athletes 50 years of age and older to

qualify for the elite biennial National Senior Games; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the National Senior Games took place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida where

71 Vermont Senior athletes qualified and competed, 32 Vermont Senior athletes were podium finishers collectively winning 20 Gold, 10 Silver and 9 Bronze

medals; and

WHEREAS. the Vermont Senior Games are made possible through the support of, and in

partnership with, the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association, Vermont Blue Advantage, American Association of Retired People, Hall Communications as well as many other athletic organizations, sports facilities, and community businesses; and

WHEREAS, sports play and incredibly important role in society, helping to bring people of all

backgrounds and abilities together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim February 28, 2023 as

VERMONT SENIOR GAMES DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24th day of February, A.D. 2023.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Gove

Brittney **(J**Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs