

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are nearly 2.5 million farmworkers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, agriculture is a thriving industry that provides \$1.1 trillion in economic impact and provides food for a United States population of more than 328 million, as well as a global people; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy and affordable food; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are the critical first step in our food supply chain; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers are always essential and often unseen in their contribution to the foods we purchase; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers provide highly skilled, and often difficult labor that is taken for granted; and

WHEREAS, farmworkers continue to work through, meet and exceed the challenges of Mother Nature, and performed under pressure throughout the pandemic and other global challenges; and

WHEREAS, the need for farmworkers continues to grow as the United States continues to produce food for an ever-growing world population.

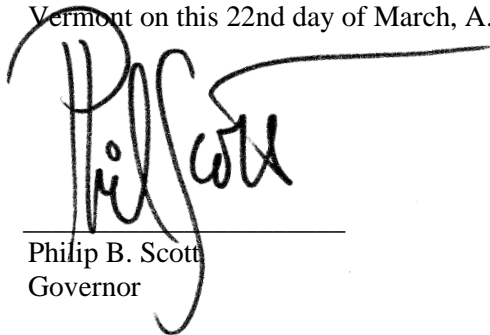
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim March 24-31, 2023 as

FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK

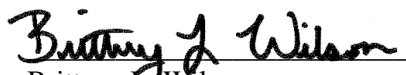
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of March, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs