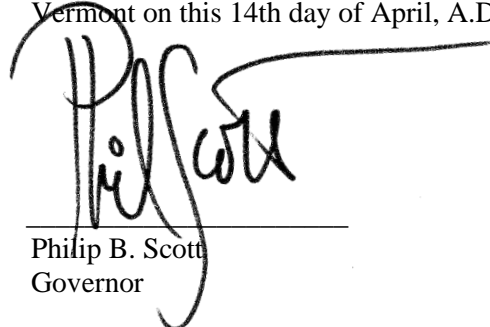


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** Vermont is the home of a population of multiple races and ethnicities encompassing Native American, Black, Hispanic, White, South Asian, and other people, yet communities in Vermont, and abroad, continue to experience systemic racism, injustices, and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** born in India on April 14, 1891, Dr B. R. Ambedkar was the first highly educated, politically influential member of the untouchable oppressed caste who championed for the rights of marginalized groups all his life; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ambedkar received a master's degree in 1915, PhD in economics in 1928 from Columbia University and a DSc at the London School of Economics and who was also awarded an honorary degree in 1952 as "a great social reformer and a valiant upholder of human rights" by Columbia University; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ambedkar contributed multi-dimensionally as a lawyer, journalist, educationalist, economist, lawmaker, and statesman to endorse equality, justice, dignity, and fraternity in society. He was honored with the highest civilian award in India, 'Bharat Ratna'; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ambedkar is best remembered today as "a Father of the Indian Constitution", which is the largest written constitution of any country and he was first Minister of Law and Justice of independent India; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Ambedkar is recognized for revival of Buddhism in post-colonial India to embrace the principles of compassion and non-violence for a society that leads to liberty, equity, and fraternity; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to upholding the human rights, dignity, and equality of the people who visit or reside in Vermont, and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Day is an opportunity to remember and honor his legacy of dedication to equity, social justice, human rights, and dignity, which continues to inspire people in Vermont and across the world.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 14, 2023 as

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of April, A.D. 2023.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs