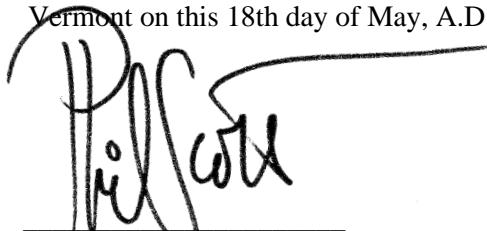


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** a paralegal is a professional, qualified through education, training, and work experience, who performs substantive legal work that is customarily, but not exclusively, performed by a lawyer; and
- WHEREAS,** paralegals work under the guidance of attorneys to provide support throughout the legal process by managing and organizing cases, conducting legal research, conducting factual investigations, interviewing witnesses, and drafting essential documents, among other tasks. By fulfilling these tasks, paralegals reduce legal costs, while simultaneously contributing to the quality of legal services offered in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** paralegals play a vital role in supporting the delivery of cost-effective legal services in Vermont and throughout the United States, thereby assisting in providing more equal access to justice within our legal system; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Paralegal Organization (VPO) is a state-wide volunteer-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting paralegal professionalism and leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the purpose of the VPO to establish and maintain the highest standards of conduct, education, and integrity among paralegals in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** each spring, the VPO sponsors a paralegal educational conference to promote the growth, education and standards of the paralegal profession in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the observance of Paralegal Day provides an opportunity to recognize paralegals across Vermont for their efforts to ensure quality, efficient and affordable legal representation is provided in Vermont.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 17, 2023 as

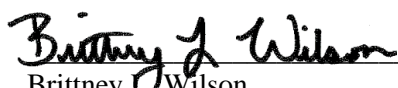
**PARALEGAL DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of May, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs