State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

| WHEREAS, | Vermont is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and |
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| WHEREAS, | a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and |
| WHEREAS, | one blood donation can help save more than one life, and although most of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3% actually do; and |
| WHEREAS, | Vermont is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, the Dr. Daliah Show, and more; and |
| WHEREAS, | Vermont Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness. |
| NOW, THEREFORE, | I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 4, 2023, as |
| FREEDOM S. | BLOOD DONATION DAY in Vermont. Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermon on this 4th day of September, A.D. 2023. |

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Philip B. Scott Governor