

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of children are being raised by grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other relatives because their parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, grandparents and relatives provide for and nurture children on a day to day basis, often from early childhood to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives put their life plans on hold to raise children, often in unplanned circumstances; and

WHEREAS, research shows that ongoing connections to family members encourages resilience and flourishing in children; and

WHEREAS, it takes a village to raise children, and with the help of community collaborators, kinship caregivers can continue to raise and support children in Vermont.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 9-16, 2023, as

KINSHIP CARE WEEK
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of September, A.D. 2023.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney J. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs