

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people; and

WHEREAS, more than ever, youth need supportive, committed mentors in their life who see, hear, and champion them; and

WHEREAS, caring and committed mentors offer support for youth by providing a consistent friend, helping to ignite a young person's curiosities, solidify their passions, and leverage their talents; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors exhibit improved resiliency, better relationships with peers and family members, and feel more connected to their community and school; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors are more likely to volunteer in their communities, participate in sports and extracurricular activities and hold a leadership position in a sports team, club, student council or other organization; and

WHEREAS, youth with mentors are more likely to graduate from high school and pursue post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, local mentoring programs provide a connection between older and younger generations, and strengthen ties among all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, mentoring relationships provide individualized attention and support, a primary component of pandemic recovery; and

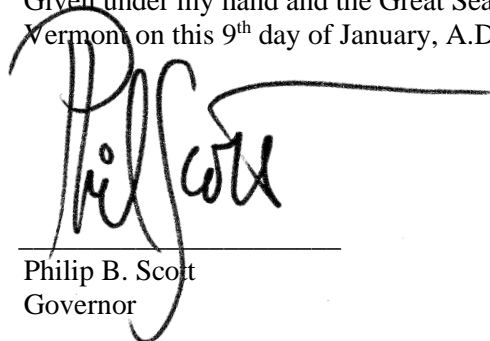
WHEREAS, MENTOR Vermont serves as the statewide youth mentoring support agency, and is committed to closing the mentoring gap and driving equity through quality mentoring relationships by providing support and connection for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Vermont mentoring agencies, including MENTOR Vermont and other public and private organizations throughout the state, are committed to working collaboratively to empower youth, advance the Vermont mentoring field, and broaden the reach of mentoring relationships in our communities.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the month of January 2024 as

**MENTORING MONTH
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of January, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs