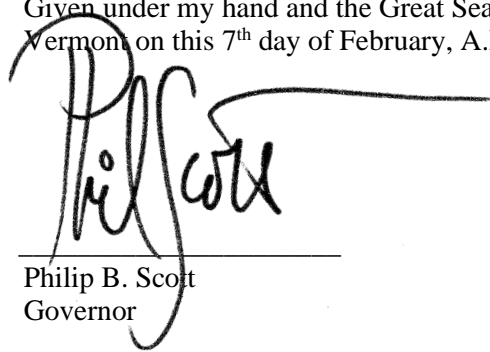


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** substance use disorder, mental health needs and co-occurring conditions affect millions of individuals as well as their families, friends, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont continues to see increasing rates of alcohol attributable deaths, fatal opioid overdose deaths, and death by suicide; and
- WHEREAS,** people living with these conditions need help and hope, including a community that supports them, their families, and their unique path of recovery; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recovery coaches, centers, and other staff provide judgement-free, compassionate, evidence-based and lifesaving supports in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the health, well-being, and quality of life of some Vermonters are impacted by chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, which can be exacerbated by inequitable access to safe, affordable housing, food, transportation, childcare, and other social determinants of health; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont’s “Recovery Day” is designed to remind all Vermonters that substance use disorder, mental health needs, and co-occurring conditions respond well to evidence-based and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had their own unique recovery experiences to lean on; and
- WHEREAS,** support for Vermont’s systems means recovery is not just possible but probable for all Vermonters.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 14th day of February, 2024, as

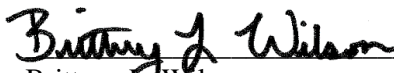
RECOVERY DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7th day of February, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs