

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1953, American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against polio; and

WHEREAS, the CDC estimates the polio vaccine has prevented 20 million cases of paralysis and saved 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

WHEREAS, science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgeries, sanitation techniques, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, and thousands of other interventions that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

WHEREAS, people have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

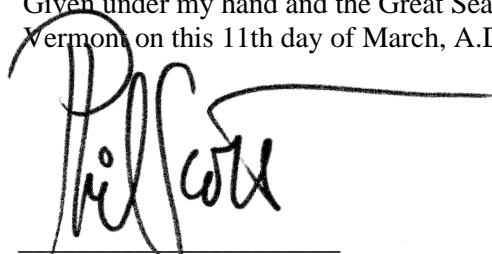
WHEREAS, Vermont invites residents to show their appreciation for our workers in the fields of research, technology, science education, and medicine; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how scientific advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 26th day of March, 2024, as

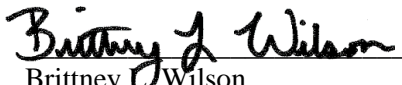
SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of March, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney D. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs