State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Vermont Senior Games Association was established to promote fun,

fitness, and fellowship among the growing population of Vermonters who are 50

years of age and older; and

the Vermont Senior Games Association's programs range from informal physical WHEREAS,

fitness activities and sports training clinics to athletic competitions in nationally sanctioned events, including basketball, tennis, powerwalking, cycling, golf,

swimming, archery, table tennis, track and field, triathlon and more; and

the Vermont Senior Games Association organizes the demanding annual Vermont WHEREAS,

Senior Games Championships that enable athletes 50 years of age and older to

qualify for the elite biennial National Senior Games; and

in 2023, the National Senior Games took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where 86 WHEREAS,

> Vermont Senior athletes qualified and competed, 46 Vermont Senior athletes were podium finishers collectively winning 9 Gold, 11 Silver, and 13 Bronze medals; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Senior Games are made possible through the support of, and in

> partnership with, the Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, National Senior Games Association, the Vermont Recreation and Parks, Vermont Blue Advantage, AARP, Hall Communications as well as many other athletic

organizations, sports facilities, and community businesses; and

WHEREAS, sports play an incredibly important role in society, helping to bring people of all

backgrounds and abilities together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 21st day of March, 2024, as

VERMONT SENIOR GAMES DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

on this 12th day of March, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L Vilson Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs