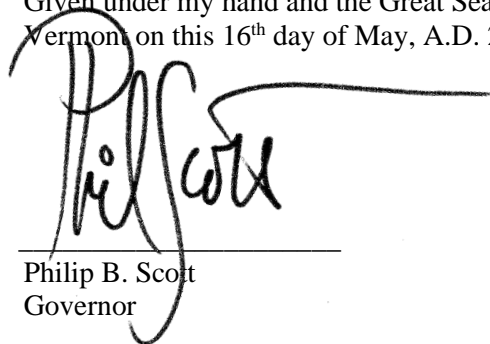


**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

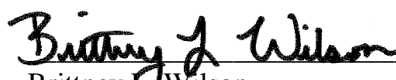
- WHEREAS,** Vermont acknowledges the economic significance of shared branching within our state, particularly in improving tourism and ensuring financial accessibility during times of emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has historically faced natural disasters and floods that underscore the necessity of reliable financial infrastructure in order to support affected communities; and
- WHEREAS,** shared branching embodies the commitment to humility and adaptability that the people and credit unions of Vermont represent, providing a crucial lifeline during emergencies; and
- WHEREAS,** even in times of steadiness, credit unions provide essential services to members by promoting financial stability, economic growth, and giving a helping hand across Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** visitors to Vermont rely on shared branching to manage their finances while enjoying the state's beautiful communities, local attractions, and the green mountains themselves, thereby contributing to the strength of our tourism industry; and
- WHEREAS,** shared branching facilitates the easy transition of all who wish to relocate to Vermont, ensuring continuity of their relationship with their credit union and fostering financial inclusivity for all of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the proclamation of Shared Branching Week reaffirms Vermont's commitment to being the inclusive, welcoming environment that allows individuals to access essential financial services with confidence and ease.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 20-27, 2024, as

**SHARED BRANCHING WEEK**  
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2024.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs