

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, thousands of children are being raised by grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other relatives because their parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, grandparents and relatives happily provide essential care and nurture children on a day to day basis, often guiding them from early childhood into adulthood, setting them up for a great future; and

WHEREAS, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives embrace the opportunity to raise children, accepting the often unplanned circumstances and making the most of it; and

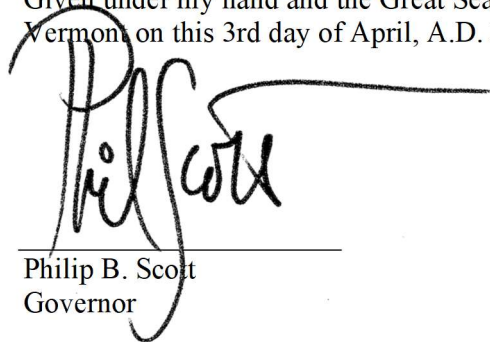
WHEREAS, research shows that ongoing connections to family members encourages resilience and flourishing in children; and

WHEREAS, it takes a village to raise children, and with the help of community collaborators, kinship caregivers can continue to raise and support children in Vermont.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim September 2024 as


KINSHIP MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of April, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs