

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, DOT and public works crews, and tow operators who respond to traffic incidents and conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service and are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, many traffic incident management responders are seriously injured or lose their lives each year while performing their duties as a result of being struck by speeding, impaired, drowsy, or distracted motorists and motorists who are not aware of Slow Down, Move Over laws; and

WHEREAS, responder and response vehicle strikes also result in life-altering injury or death of the involved motorist and passengers, and place upstream road users at greater risk of a crash; and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont has a Slow Down, Move Over law and is committed to protecting the traffic incident management responders who are at the scene of roadway crashes; and

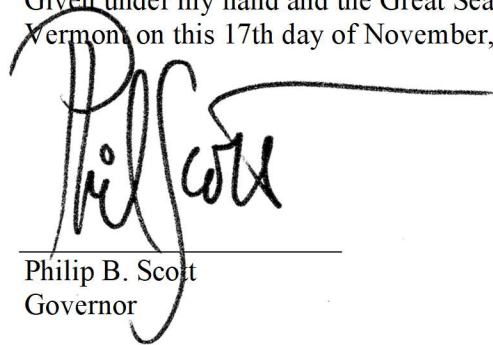
WHEREAS, many motorists are unaware of or do not adhere to Driver Removal laws, which aim to keep travel lanes clear after minor traffic incidents, in which the State of Vermont asks all road users to keep responders safe by following both the Slow Down, Move Over and Driver Removal laws, as well as by driving safely; and

WHEREAS, the week of November 18-22, 2024 is set aside to recognize our crash responders and focus efforts on their safety.

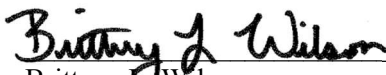
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024 as

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of November, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs