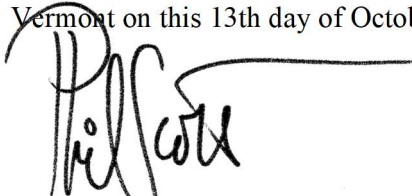


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples' Day was proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes the historic and cultural significance of Indigenous Peoples of America; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont recognizes the Abenaki, their ancestors and allies and acknowledges and honors these friends and neighbors; and
- WHEREAS,** Act 18 of 2019 officially establishes the second Monday of each October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and
- WHEREAS,** through Act R-114 of 2021, the Vermont Legislature apologized and expressed sorrow for eugenics policies and practices; and
- WHEREAS,** by acknowledging previous harms, the state has taken an important step towards restorative justice; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont is committed to ensuring equity in our state and acknowledging the important contributions of for Indigenous Peoples to our communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 14th day of October, 2024 as

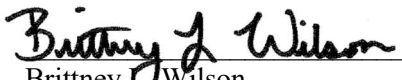
**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of October, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs