

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Respiratory Care Week is a time to raise awareness about lung health and to celebrate the great field of respiratory care, and it helps to highlight the information we need to keep us breathing well so we can enjoy a great quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** respiratory care is the health care discipline that specializes in the promotion of optimal cardiopulmonary function, health, and wellness; and

**WHEREAS,** respiratory therapists diagnose, manage, and work to control illnesses affecting the lungs and this work can branch off into many areas within the field from inpatient care managing ventilators, intubations, breathing treatments, secretion management, and pulmonary hygiene to outpatient care which involves home oxygen, home Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), and Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) setup and management; and

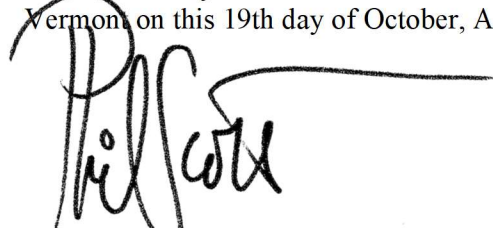
**WHEREAS,** during Respiratory Care Week it is important to recognize hard-working doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists who care for patients with breathing difficulties due to chronic conditions like asthma; and

**WHEREAS,** respiratory therapists played a critical role during the pandemic and continue to do so throughout the world. Currently, there are over 133,000 respiratory therapists employed in the United States and this week is a great time to celebrate respiratory therapists, bring awareness to the profession, and inspire growth in respiratory care.

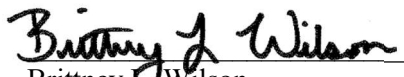
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October, 20-26, 2024, as

**RESPIRATORY CARE WEEK  
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of October, A.D. 2024.

  
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Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs