

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, April 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has been a national leader by enacting a law to extend protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, age, marital status, gender identity, and recipients of public assistance as protected classes; and

WHEREAS, Vermont also ensures fair housing by prohibiting discrimination against housing developments in land use and planning decisions based on the income of intended residents; and

WHEREAS, Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions and strives to be a welcoming place where opportunity is accessible to all, and the safety and security of a home is not obstructed by discrimination; and

WHEREAS, only through the continued commitment to uphold the civil liberties of all residents can barriers to fair housing be deconstructed, and the promise of freedom and opportunity be fully realized.

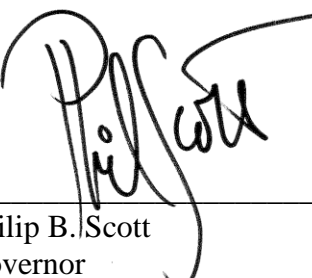
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

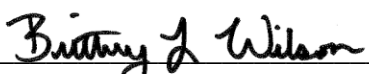
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of April, A.D. 2018




Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs