

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of cities and towns in the United States have recognized the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day", re-imagining Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes it was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by Indigenous Peoples of this region – the Abenaki, their ancestors and allies – and acknowledges and honors these members of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2018 as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of September, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs