## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2021, Proclamation 21-061, A Proclamation of Inclusion, officially

established the second week of May as Inclusion Week in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Vermont continues to lead by example in protecting civil rights, remaining steadfast

in our commitment to eliminate hatred, discrimination, and bigotry across all institutions and systems to improve the lives of all who call Vermont home; and

**WHEREAS,** it is essential to foster a culture in which racial, ethnic, and other cultural disparities

are openly recognized and meaningfully addressed; and

WHEREAS, Vermont has taken important steps in this direction, including the creation of the

Racial Equity Advisory Panel and Racial Equity Task Force, as well as the

appointment of the State's first Executive Director of Racial Equity; and

WHEREAS, the State remains committed to advancing racial and ethnic equity, and to cultivating

a diverse, inclusive society where all young people can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Vermont embraces people of all backgrounds—welcoming individuals and families

with a wide array of skills, traditions, and perspectives to live, work, and build their

futures here; and

WHEREAS, we also call on all Vermonters—including those in positions of leadership—to

actively reject prejudice and extend respect, dignity, and protection to every individual, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or

expression, age, or disability.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 11-18, 2025 as

INCLUSION WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of

Vermont on this 10th day of May, A.D. 2025.

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Governor

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Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs