

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Vermont, stewarding trees and forests is a way of life; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests are integral to our individual and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests cover nearly 75% of Vermont's landscape - cleaning air and water, reducing stormwater runoff, retaining soil and slowing floods, sequestering and storing carbon, supporting biodiversity, and providing habitat for wildlife and for us; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests support our local economy by creating a sense of place, offering natural and renewable resources, and sustaining jobs in arboriculture, forestry, logging, recreation, crafts and trades; and

WHEREAS, trees and forests support all who live, work, and play among them by keeping us healthy, alleviating stress, providing shade and beauty, and encouraging recreation; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure equitable access to the benefits of trees and forests for all Vermonters, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or geographic location; and

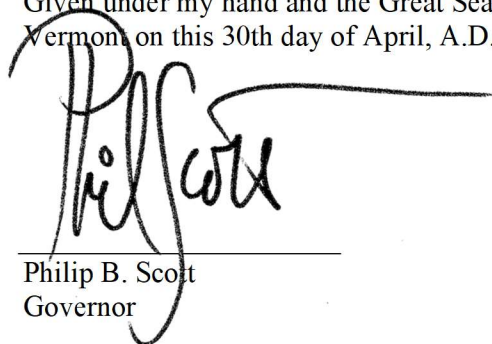
WHEREAS, Arbor Day serves as a reminder of the importance of tree planting, preservation, and environmental stewardship, inspiring individuals and communities to take action to preserve and protect our environment and shared spaces; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday in May is designated as the day for Vermonters to unite in celebration of trees and forests.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2nd, 2025 as

**ARBOR DAY
in Vermont.**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 30th day of April, A.D. 2025.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs