

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** we live in a state renowned for its natural treasures – from mountain summits to valley streams and lakes in every town, including our crown jewel Lake Champlain; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont’s 800 lakes and ponds, 23,000 miles of rivers and streams, and 300,000 acres of wetlands entice us outdoors to enjoy recreational opportunities, enhance the state’s scenic beauty, and provide homes for an abundant array of fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** we depend on clean water, and we each live in a watershed that’s connected by the streams, rivers, lakes and ponds that flow to our downstream neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** the direction forward requires each one of us to be all in toward our shared goals to protect and restore clean water statewide; and

**WHEREAS,** protecting our lakes, rivers, and wetlands represents a direct investment in our well-being and our future; and

**WHEREAS,** clean water is essential to sustaining our quality of life and the economic prosperity of Vermont by supporting a robust tourism and recreation economy, attracting new businesses and residents to the state, providing for safe drinking water, and maintaining property values; and

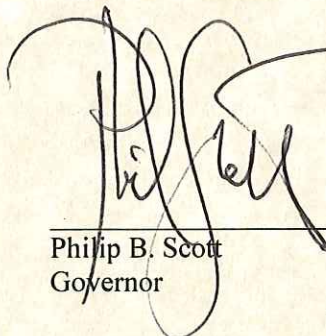
**WHEREAS,** the establishment of an annual Clean Water Week inspires within us a clean water ethic and demonstrates our commitment to protect and restore our waters for the residents and visitors of Vermont for this and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 30 – August 4, 2018 as

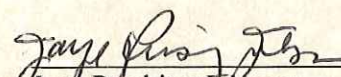
**CLEAN WATER WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of July, A.D. 2018

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Jaye Pershing Johnson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs