WHEREAS, 18 percent of Vermont’s population is currently age 65 or older, a percentage expected to increase to 26.9 percent by 2030; and

WHEREAS, older Vermonters enrich and strengthen our communities with their wisdom, knowledge, skills and experience; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the growing percentage of older Vermonters in our workforce and the important asset they represent to our economy; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the importance of taking part in experiences and activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being, no matter your age; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to engaging and supporting older Vermonters, their families, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, Area Agencies on Aging, the business community, service providers and senior centers across the state enrich the lives of individuals of every age by promoting home- and community-based services which support independent living, involving older Vermonters in community planning, events, and other activities, and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor.

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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Vermont.

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

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs