

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont's Center on Disability and Community Inclusion, a federally authorized University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, promotes self-determination, equity, and inclusion for people with disabilities and their families under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.; and

WHEREAS, the center was founded as the Center for Special Education in a partnership between the University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services and the Vermont Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the early days of the center focused on educating Vermont youth who previously had only been served at the Brandon Training School, the state institution for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the center provided some of the first supports to teachers working with students with disabilities; through university coursework, trainings, and interdisciplinary technical assistance and inclusive approaches; and

WHEREAS, over 50 years, the center launched projects promoting innovative practices in early intervention, inclusive education, healthcare, assistive technology, employment, design for learning, post-secondary education, accessibility, and many other areas; and

WHEREAS, approximately half a million people have participated in trainings, education, and other services from Center projects; and

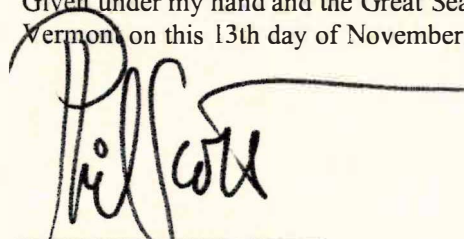
WHEREAS, the Center has been instrumental in promoting disability rights, fostering inclusive practices, and advancing research and evaluation contributing to major advancements for Vermonters with disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary of the Center is an opportunity to celebrate its achievements, recognize the outstanding service and dedication of its staff and partners, and reaffirm our commitment to disability equity and inclusion to enrich the lives of Vermonters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 14th day of November, 2024 as


**THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER ON DISABILITY AND
COMMUNITY INCLUSION**
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 13th day of November, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs