State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, our Vermont farmers are global leaders in productivity who successfully provide

food and fiber for the world and drive our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's total exports of \$215 million support over 53,000 good jobs in the food

and agriculture, and related supply chain sectors; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's thriving agriculture sector provides jobs across our state, not just for

farmers and ranchers, but for scientists, processors, shippers, trucking and retailers;

and

WHEREAS, Vermont stands as a leader in agricultural production and exports in the United

States, providing a vast array of products that are critical both domestically and

internationally; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's leading agriculture exports include but are not limited to dairy products,

cattle, maple syrup, and other important crops; and

WHEREAS, the enhancement of trade relations and the development of new trade agreements are

vital for the continued growth and success of Vermont's agricultural sector; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's agricultural trade has long demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges

such as flooding, drought, and pressures beyond our state's borders, yet we continue to

adapt and evolve to meet the needs of farmers, businesses, and consumers alike; and

WHEREAS, this declaration recognizes the vital role of food and agriculture trade in our state,

celebrating its strength, innovation, and enduring importance. By fostering collaboration and awareness, we can ensure that this essential industry continues to

thrive for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 19th day of March, 2025 as

AGRICULTURE TRADE DAY

in Vermont.

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

Wermon on this 18th day of March, A.D. 2025.

Philip B. Sco

Governor

Jaye Pershing Johnson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs