WHEREAS, the designation of October 2020 as "National Principals Month" is made possible by the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Federation of School Administrators, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal is a significant mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, principals serve a variety of critical roles such as instructional leader, community builder, assessment expert, public relations expert, facility and student managers, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, and are entrusted with the education and development of young people; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic and cultural tone for their schools by working collaboratively with teachers and other staff to develop and maintain high standards of performance to develop young people that will be positive contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS, principals play a vital role in successful implementation of state and federal education initiatives and especially this year in managing the impact and supporting the needs of students and staff during the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Principals' Association honors such exemplary elementary, middle, and high school public, private, and independent school leaders who are committed to providing high quality learning opportunities to all Vermont students Pre-K to grade 12.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim October 2020 as PRINCIPALS MONTH in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of September, A.D. 2020.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs