

October, 2017: Vermont/National Farm-To-School Month

WHEREAS, Vermont encourages students to develop healthy, lifelong habits of eating nutritious local food, and

WHEREAS, Vermont students access educational materials, courses and workshops, farm and business visits and hands-on learning to connect agriculture with career opportunities as well as a sense of place, and

WHEREAS, Vermont school kitchens optimize fresh and locally grown, produced, and processed food in their programs, and

WHEREAS, Vermont farmers take advantage of the size and stability of direct sales markets to diversify their revenue streams, and

WHEREAS, Vermont students' participation in child nutrition programs is increased through expansion of available foods, and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Farm to School Network goals include that by 2025, food system education and community-based learning will increase to 75%, and local and regional food purchasing will increase to 50%,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Philip B. Scott, Governor of Vermont, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be Vermont Farm to School Month - a time to celebrate Food, Farm and Nutrition education in classrooms, cafeterias and school communities across the state.

I encourage all Vermonters to visit their communities' schools this month to experience school meals and Farm-To-School activities. Farm-To School engages and improves learning and health outcomes for our children and impacts local economies in meaningful, pivotal ways.

Get on the Bus!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of Vermont to be herein affixed.