

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Congress established the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program in the National Defense Act in 1916; and

**WHEREAS**, Norwich University played a lead role in the birth of the ROTC through its founder, Captain Alden Partridge, and his philosophy of the “citizen-soldier prepared to make moral, patriotic, efficient, and useful citizens, and to qualify them for all those high responsibilities resting upon a citizen of this free republic”; and

**WHEREAS**, Army ROTC has commissioned more than 500,000 second lieutenants and serves as a critical component for the training of men and women to take command, protecting our national security and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, ROTC provides the next generation of innovative and adaptive leaders while providing them with essential collegiate educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Army ROTC commissioned 5536 officers in 2014 and has produced 21 four-star generals since 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Norwich University will host **The ROTC Centennial Symposium: Preparing the Next Generation Leaders in a Complex World**, a centennial celebration and national symposium April 21-23, 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commemorate the

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE  
OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS**

and recognize Norwich University's lead role in the birth of the program.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of April, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor