

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and was founded by an act of the United States Congress on December 1, 1941; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the Civil Air Patrol made many of the same sacrifices, including loss of life, that thousands of uniformed armed service members made during World War II, flying 24 million miles with little more than basic aeronautical instruments to protect our homeland; and

WHEREAS, Civil Air Patrol members are highly trained and continually prepared to serve the interests with its fleet of aircraft, ground vehicles, as well as video assessment technology, and an extensive radio network that can provide communications during times of cell phone and internet interruption, in service of the nation as well as the State of Vermont through its six squadrons; in the form of aerial and ground search and rescue operations, humanitarian mercy flights, statewide forest fire monitoring, and photo disaster assessments, and other forms of assistance to the Air National Guard and various State and national government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, through its squadrons, organizes and conducts aerospace education and training for its cadet and senior members, the general public, and teachers in Vermont's schools; and

WHEREAS, this highly respected aeronautical institution has organized and participated in numerous activities supporting and honoring Vermont's veterans and the families of our active National Guard members; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol is conducting a unique and comprehensive program for all teenaged cadets in leadership education, training, personal and career development, and awareness of critical environmental and global issues; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2016 as

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

in Vermont, and recognize the service and contributions of the cadets and senior members of the Vermont Civil Air Patrol under the leadership of Colonel Rick Lizzari on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of November, A.D. 2016.

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor

