

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, equipped with degrees from Princeton and Columbia universities, William T. “Bill” Doyle began his ongoing tenure as a Johnson State College faculty member, specializing in politics, and

**WHEREAS**, through his work as a college professor at Johnson State College, Bill Doyle has educated hundreds of Vermonters on government and politics, helping to ignite the call to public service in many who have gone on to serve the State and Nation, and

**WHEREAS**, parallel to his role as an academic, Bill Doyle embraced a political life: first serving on the Montpelier School Board, which he chaired, and since Election Day in 1968, serving in the Vermont State Senate, and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Doyle’s constituents reelected him 23 times, establishing the Senate’s longevity service record of 48 consecutive years, rightfully earning him the title of “Dean of the Vermont State Senate”, and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his Senate career, Senator Doyle displayed the utmost respect for Chamber Rules, including allowing the smashing of his ringing cell phone with a gavel, and

**WHEREAS**, a unique confluence of Senator Doyle’s academic and political careers started early in his Senate career when he created a Town Meeting Day Poll to gauge the positions of Vermonters on issues of current events providing a useful survey of public policy opinions used by legislators, the media and Vermont citizens, and

**WHEREAS**, many political leaders have praised Senator Doyle for his roles as an insightful legislative leader and civic educator, and

**WHEREAS**, no greater tribute could be paid to this venerable Vermonter than designating March 7, 2017 as Bill Doyle Town Meeting Day,


**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 7, 2017 as

**BILL DOYLE TOWN MEETING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 10th day of January, A.D. 2017



  
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Phil Scott  
Governor