

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is conducting its 103rd year of volunteer services to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, over 465,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly 1 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 – 2017 National President, Colette Bishop, is rallying Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary members behind her theme, "Unwavering Support for Uncommon Heroes".

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2017 as

**UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES
DAY**

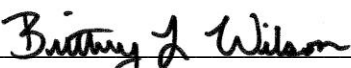
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of April, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs