

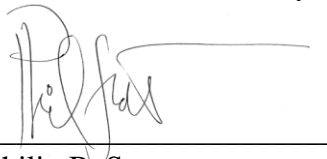
State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** on August 2, 1990, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait’s sovereignty and freedom with 100,000 Iraq troops; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 7, 1990, the United States and its allied forces were ordered to the theater by President Bush, launching operation Desert Shield – known also as “the line drawn in the sand”; and
- WHEREAS,** on November 29, 1990, the United Nations Security Council passed Resolution 678 setting a deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait no later than January 15, 1991, or face military action; and
- WHEREAS,** over 600,000 U.S. troops, some of which were called up Guard and Reserve members, including many Vermonters, were called to action; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 12, 1991, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing use of military force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 24, 1991, U.S. ground forces led a ground attack against Iraq forces in Iraq and Kuwait; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 28, 1991, President Bush proclaimed a ceasefire of Operation Desert Storm and announced that U.S. and allied forces had accomplished all stated objectives in about 100 hours of ground combat; and
- WHEREAS,** Desert Storm veterans will never be forgotten for their commitment to protecting freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 29, 2016, Vermont officially named state highway Route 22A “The Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway.”
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2017 as

DESERT STORM VETERANS DAY

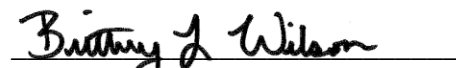
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of May, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs