

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** each year, hundreds of visitors, many of them school children and veterans from all over America, tour the Ethan Allen Homestead Museum; and
- WHEREAS,** Ethan Allen’s house, built according to his specifications in 1786 and restored exactly two centuries later, allows museum visitors to see how people lived day-to-day during Vermont’s frontier days; and
- WHEREAS,** the Homestead – house, garden and grounds – is the state’s only remaining home of a Vermont Revolutionary Leader open to the visiting public; and
- WHEREAS,** Ethan Allen was the founder of the Green Mountain Boys, America’s largest paramilitary force when the American Revolution began; and
- WHEREAS,** Allen’s Green Mountain Boys were honored by the Continental Congress on June 23, 1775 and duly constituted one of the first Continental Army Regiments, with Ethan Allen commissioned as its commanding officer; and
- WHEREAS,** Allen, impatient to launch a surprise attack on Montreal, was captured and spent nearly three years under harsh conditions as a British prisoner-of-war; and
- WHEREAS,** his ordeal became the subject of his bestselling captive narrative, which went through eight editions during the Revolution, and still remains in print; and
- WHEREAS,** as a champion of Vermont statehood, Allen was the author of at least four books and scores of pamphlets, and went on to become the first published American philosopher; and
- WHEREAS,** Ethan Allen lived and farmed in Vermont with his wife Fanny, their three daughters, a son, two farmhands (a free African-American and a partially scalped Highland Scot who had fought at his side from Ticonderoga to Montreal).

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2017 as

ETHAN ALLEN DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of June, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs