

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the United States Army Corps of Engineers was founded in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on the eve of the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 16, 1775; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Army Corps of Engineers have greatly contributed to the development and prosperity of the state of Vermont through improving navigation in 10 Vermont ports, including one deep-draft facility of Burlington Harbor; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Army Corps of Engineers have also been successful in implementing local protection work, such as the construction of the Western Local Protection Project located on the West River in Weston and other flood damage reduction measures in the Green Mountain State; and
- WHEREAS,** flood risk management works designed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers have cost approximately \$52 million to construct, but have prevented at least \$461 million worth of damage in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Army Corps of Engineers have constructed military facilities, including harbor fortifications, Army and Air Force installations, and Cold War air and missile bases; and
- WHEREAS,** the men and women of the New England District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers continue to provide support to the citizens of the Green Mountain State; and
- WHEREAS,** District Commander Col. Christopher J. Barron has faithfully served the District, state of Vermont and the nation for three years, since July 31, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Corps of Army Engineers New England District will be holding its Change of Command ceremony on July 19, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2017 as

UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DAY

in Vermont, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing this important day.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 6th day of July, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

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

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs