

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation's military forces, and are essential to America's national security; and
- WHEREAS,** Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts across the globe or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS,** employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve forces, allowing citizen warriors to serve whenever the nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and
- WHEREAS,** employer support is stronger than ever, more than 45 years after President Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and
- WHEREAS,** our nation is in debt to the citizen warriors departing the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact; and
- WHEREAS,** America pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the Reserve Component possible.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 20-26, 2017 as

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE
WEEK**


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of August, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs