

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Putney Craft Tour, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018, is the oldest continuing crafts studio tour in North America and has served as a prototype for tours all over the country, as well as a model for the Vermont Crafts Council when it put together its own statewide tours; and

WHEREAS, artists were drawn into the Putney area in the late-1960s and early-1970s for many reasons, including the back-to-the-land movement, the rise of American craft and the powerful cluster of creative souls brought there by Windham College, the Yellow Barn Music Festival, the Putney School and the Experiment in International Living; and

WHEREAS, Putney's crafter community was organized by woodcut artist and business owner Margot Torrey in 1978 to discuss plans for the first Putney Artisans Festival, to build on already growing support for the crafter community and take advantage of the educational value of exposing community members to the industry; and

WHEREAS, the fourth annual tour in 1982 continued the practice of inviting the public into crafting spaces to learn about the industry and talk to the crafters themselves, where there were 16 artisans working in 13 studios and the tour was advertised as the Annual Holiday Craft Tour, Open House and Seconds Sale; and

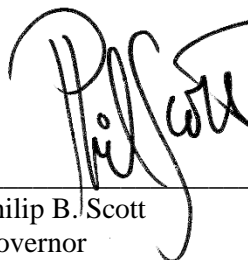
WHEREAS, this year's tour, a Top Ten Vermont Winter Event, will take place on Thanksgiving Weekend, November 23, 24, 25, 2018 and will include 25 working studios, featuring glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, woodworkers, photographers, cheesemakers and bicycle makers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 23 – 25, 2018 as

PUTNEY CRAFT TOUR WEEKEND


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of November, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs