## State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** in May 1954, Joseph Mazza—along with his son Dick Mazza—built

and opened Joe Mazza Groceries in Colchester, VT; and

**WHEREAS,** in May 1965, Dick Mazza—after working alongside his father since

the beginning—purchased the store from his father, and it was

renamed "Mazza's General Store"; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1981 Mazza's General Store was incorporated as Dick

Mazza's General Store; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, Dick Mazza has opened and closed Dick Mazza's

General Store 365 days a year, and continues to perform many of

the stores' duties; and

**WHEREAS**, since his election to the Vermont State Senate in 1985, Dick Mazza

has balanced his tasks as a State Senator with the store's

responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick Mazza's General Store has become a staple of the Colchester

area; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick Mazza has received several recognitions for his tenure as a

grocer, including the Vermont Grocer of the Year award and the

National Grocers Spirit of America Award; and

**WHEREAS,** Dick Mazza is currently one of Vermont's longest-serving grocers;

and

**WHEREAS,** in May of 2019, Dick Mazza's General Store will mark its 65th year

of operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 25, 2019 as

## DICK MAZZA'S GENERAL STORE DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of May, A.D. 2019.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney L. Wilson Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs