

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** In June 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt issued an executive order, to override a 1798 Act of Congress that prohibited African Americans from serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; and
- WHEREAS,** the first modern era African American Marines trained in a segregated unit at Montford Point Camp at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in 1942 requiring President Truman to issue a further executive order on July 26, 1948; and
- WHEREAS,** Nathaniel Boone of Englewood, New Jersey, enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1946 and honorably served as a radar technician; and
- WHEREAS,** Nathaniel Boone graduated from Bates College under the GI Bill of Rights and upon graduating earned a law degree at Boston University practicing law for 30 years in New Jersey; and
- WHEREAS** Nathaniel Boone and his wife Harriet honeymooned in Manchester, Vermont in 1957, returned to purchase a home in Winhall, Vermont in 1972, and finally became permanent Vermont residents in 1989; and
- WHEREAS** Nathaniel Boone has remained active in community roles, including volunteering with the Manchester Music Festival, serving as a tour guide and board chair at Hildene, the home of President Abraham Lincoln's son, Robert Todd Lincoln, and as an active member, along with his wife, at the local First Congregational Church; and
- WHEREAS** in 2012, the U.S. Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, one of the nation's highest civilian honors, to Nathaniel Boone and each of the other surviving Montford Point U.S. Marines; and
- WHEREAS** the 2012 Winhall Town Report was dedicated to Nathaniel Aaron Boone.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2017
to be

NATHANIEL A. BOONE DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 17th day of February, 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