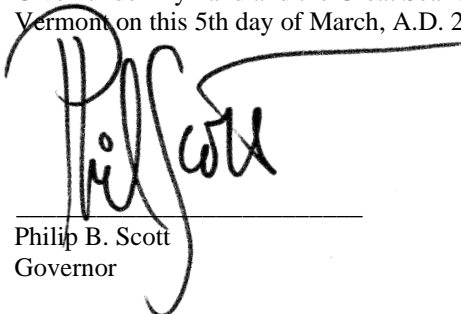


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** on April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), an innovative federally funded organization that put close to three million Americans to work during the Great Depression on projects with environmental benefit; and
- WHEREAS,** the CCC was a public works program that operated until 1942 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont was originally allocated four CCC camps, but thanks to State Forester Perry H. Merrill's foresight in earlier developing long range conservation, flood control, and forest management activities, Merrill's lobbying of CCC National Director Robert Fechner, Vermont received more assistance than other states; and
- WHEREAS,** there were CCC camps located in 39 Vermont towns and unincorporated areas, and in 12 counties; and
- WHEREAS,** a majority of the Corps members that built dams at East Barre, Wrightsville, and Waterbury to control the flow of the Winooski River to prevent the reoccurrence of the devastating flood of 1927 were WWI veterans; and
- WHEREAS,** the CCC contributed to the development of skiing in Vermont when they developed the first ski trails in Stowe, Burke, Shrewsbury, and Bromley mountains; and
- WHEREAS,** the CCC constructed multiple auto roads, including those on Mt. Philo, Mt. Mansfield, Mt. Ascutney, and Elmore, to provide access to iconic views and vistas in response to the rapid increase in the ownership of automobiles; and
- WHEREAS,** CCC camps in the Green Mountain National Forest built roads, trails & campgrounds and fought fires, and planted trees; and
- WHEREAS,** between 1933 and 1942, an estimated 40,868 individuals worked in Vermont CCC camps of which about one-quarter were Vermonters, and three quarters came from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont CCC workers not only fought forest fires but also helped prevent fires by building seven new steel fire towers, three new wooden towers, eight new lookout cabins, telephone lines, and fire roads; and
- WHEREAS,** the CCC legacy lives on with the campsites, trails, buildings, in at least 22 State Forest and Park locations, at local municipal parks and recreation facilities, in the acres of forests and woodlands of Vermont, and as a historic lesson of response to the darkest economic period of our country.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim April 5, 2023 as

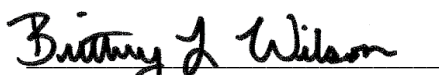
90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CCC DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 5th day of March, A.D. 2023.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs