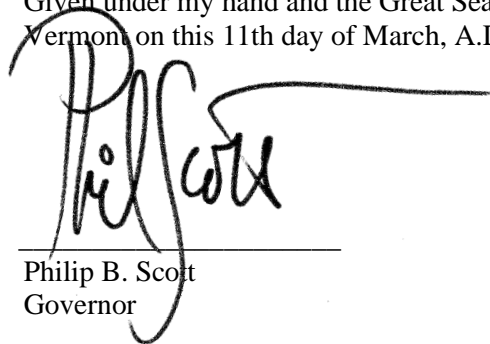


**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

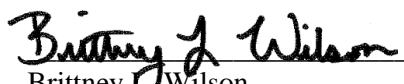
- WHEREAS,** Royall Tyler (1757/1826), who was an illustrious Vermonter, and who served in the militia during the Revolutionary War, as Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Vermont (1811-14), Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court (1801-1807), and Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court (1807-1812); and
- WHEREAS,** in his lifetime, Royall Tyler is the playwright of *The Contrast*, considered to be the first professionally produced American comedy; and
- WHEREAS,** the University of Vermont’s Department of Theatre, under the visionary leadership of Edward J. Feidner with the support of fellow faculty members William M. Schenk, George B. Bryan, Christopher Lane and Nancy Haynes, dedicated the Royall Tyler Theatre on March 14, 1974, with a production of the musical version of “*The Contrast*” adapted by Anthony Stimac with music by Don Pippin and lyrics by Steve Brown; and
- WHEREAS,** the Royall Tyler Theatre has served the University of Vermont and the regional theatre community continuously for five decades as a performing arts, educational and training center for hundreds of artists, directors and technical students and professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** the Royall Tyler Theatre was for nearly two decades the home of the critically-acclaimed Champlain Shakespeare Festival, a professional Equity summer theatre repertory program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Royall Tyler Theatre has produced over three hundred plays, musicals, concerts and similar productions for the benefit of the University community and the general public; and
- WHEREAS,** the University of Vermont is planning to officially recognize this occasion with a 50th Anniversary celebration on April 12 – 13, 2024, to include theatre alumni from all eras of the theatre program.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 14th day of March, 2024, as

ROYALL TYLER THEATRE DAY
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of March, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs