

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** on August 16, 1777, Vermont’s Green Mountain Boys, the New Hampshire Militia, and volunteers from Massachusetts, defeated British troops charged with capturing provisions stored at the Bennington military support depot; and
- WHEREAS,** the Battle of Bennington, part of the Saratoga campaign, took place on a farm in Walloomsac, New York, about 10 miles from the Town of Bennington where the supply depot was located; and
- WHEREAS,** the battle was an overwhelming and outstanding defeat of the reigning and superior forces that turned the tide of the war in favor of the Americans, engaging 3,800 troops under the command of British Lt. Col. Friedrich Baum and American General John Stark; and
- WHEREAS,** at the end of the battle, with the Americans suffering 70 casualties, the British had 207 dead and seriously wounded, more than 700 taken prisoner or missing, and a great amount of their supplies and armaments taken by 2,350 colonial troops; and
- WHEREAS,** the bravery and determination of the American forces at this critical juncture in the war showcased their resilience and commitment to independence; and
- WHEREAS,** the marble obelisk monument constructed between 1889 and 1891 on the site of the supply depot in what is now Monument Circle is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the men and women on the frontier which was to become America; and
- WHEREAS,** the 306-foot Bennington Battle Monument is the tallest man-made building in the State of Vermont and the second tallest unreinforced masonry building in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont’s Division for Historic Preservation has owned and stewarded the Bennington Battle Monument since 1953, welcoming about 25,000 visitors annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Daughters of the American Revolution, whose mission is to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism, are placing commemorative markers in every state of our nation to honor the men and woman who achieved American independence; and

**WHEREAS,**

the sacrifices of those who fought and died at the Battle of Bennington are not forgotten and are a reminder of the lengths Americans have gone to preserve our freedoms.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, as

**247<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BENNINGTON BATTLE  
DAY**  
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of August, A.D. 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip B. Scott". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Philip B. Scott  
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brittney J. Wilson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Brittney J. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs