

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Dick Fifield is a native Vermonter, born and raised in Pittsfield; and
- WHEREAS,** before World War II, Dick began his career in public service as a fire tower operator with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick served his country during World War II and was involved in such missions and the Normandy landings during his five campaigns in Europe with the 774th Tank Destroyer Battalion; for his meritorious service, he was awarded a bronze star and a purple heart; and
- WHEREAS,** upon his return from the war, Dick rejoined the Department of Fish and Wildlife, ultimately serving the state for over forty years; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to his tireless service to his state and country, Dick has remained active in the community by working to preserve Vermont’s rich military history—spearheading such projects as the salvage and restoration of the priceless Proctor Cannon of the Civil War, the reestablishment of militia “Liberty Poles,” and the establishment of Vermont’s Civil War reenactment movement; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick continues to serve his community as a special adviser to the Vermont Militia Museum;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2011 as

DICK FIFIELD DAY

in Vermont and thank Dick for his exemplary service to his community, state and country.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19th day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor