

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Ed Larkin Old Time Contra Dancers have been in existence since 1934; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1934, the organization started demonstrations of traditional Vermont contra dancing at the Tunbridge World's fair, to perpetuate and carry on the traditional Vermont Contra Dance style; and

WHEREAS, the dancers have performed at the 1940 and 1964 New York World's Fairs, at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the Washington National Mall for the Smithsonian Institute, at the Vermont History Expo, and at numerous country fairs and gatherings throughout New England; and

WHEREAS, these performances bring a living history of Vermont traditional country style music and dancing to thousands of people around the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

ED LARKIN OLD TIME CONTRA DANCERS DAY



in Vermont and congratulate the dancers
on their 80th year of performances.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 14th day of September, A.D. 2013

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor