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Lt. Governor Phil Scott makes beds, sets tables and peels potatoes

Montpelier, VT - On Friday, Lt. Governor Phil Scott took his "Vermont Everyday Jobs" tour to the Burlington area, working at the Windjammer Restaurant and Best Western Hotel in South Burlington. The visit kicked off a weeklong focus on the Lake Champlain Region's tourism industry, as many lakeside businesses have recently reopened for business after this spring's flooding.

At the Best Western on Friday, Scott changed hotel bed linens alongside the housekeeping manager, who gave the Lt. Governor a new appreciation for a seemingly simple chore he does every day. "I'm a fairly neat housekeeper myself, and I always make my bed in the morning," Scott said, "but I don't have to complete the task in less than 6 minutes and repeat it 50 or 60 times a day. That's hard work."

Scott then worked a stint in the maintenance department, checking temperature and chlorine levels in the hotel's indoor pool - something the staff has to do four times each day. He also installed a fridge and microwave unit in a hotel suite, before assisting waitstaff in setting tables for a private luncheon in one of the hotel's conference rooms. Finally, the Lt. Governor went to work in the Windjammer Restaurant, peeling potatoes and checking orders in the kitchen.

Scott's Windjammer/Best Western job was the first of many planned visits to the Burlington area this coming week, in an effort to promote the fact that the Lake Champlain region is now open for business after this spring's flooding. Lt. Governor Scott will be working another "Vermont Everyday Job" with the Lake Champlain Ferry and Breakwaters Restaurant this coming Thursday on their opening day. He will also be spending time this week with the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, area business leaders and Governor Shumlin producing a video and social media campaign to promote the lake.

"Tourism is so important to our economy, and there's a lot of hard work that goes into making sure our visitors have a good experience. My day working at the Windjammer and Best Western gave me a huge appreciation for what goes on behind the scenes in Vermont's hospitality industry, and the number of Vermont jobs that depend on tourism," Scott said.

About Lt. Gov. Phil Scott's "Vermont Everyday Jobs" Initiative

Lt. Governor Phil Scott started his "Vermont Everyday Jobs" initiative to promote Vermont businesses and highlight the hard work that Vermonters do every day in all areas of our economy. By finding out firsthand, and in a hands-on manner, what it takes to make Vermont businesses work, the Lt. Governor will gain a better understanding of what state government can do to help those businesses work better. The tour will also help to facilitate relationships and ongoing dialogue between Vermont business leaders and their representatives in state government.

In previous "Vermont Everyday Jobs," Lt. Governor Scott has worked with St. Albans beekeeper Michael Palmer, violin-maker Doug Cox in Brattleboro, taught second grade at Union Memorial School in Colchester, built a solar tracker at AllEarth Renewables, checked lift tickets at Stowe Mountain Resort, worked in the Emergency Department at Porter Hospital, worked with a Green Mountain Power line team, and changed oil at Vermont Quicklube.

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