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Shelburne Selectboard  
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Dear Shelburne Residents:

Today you mark a major milestone in your town's history: the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Shelburne charter. You have much to be proud of; Vermont simply would not be Vermont without Shelburne.

This town holds our collective history as Vermonters. From the bustle of Shelburne Shipyard to the tranquility of Shelburne Farms, this town looks like the Vermont we see when we close our eyes, the idyllic land of green, rolling hills nestled against the blue waters of Lake Champlain. But Shelburne is more than a postcard. This town has a proud history of industrious residents, including: two men credited with opening the Canadian lumber trade; the Webb family; hundreds of farming families; generations of millworkers; and the founder of New England's first butter creamery (our pancakes thank you for that).

All of this history comes together at Shelburne Museum, a place that is as captivating to school children as it is to adult tourists. The Museum is a gateway to Vermont, a rich and beautiful reminder of how lucky we are to call this state home. One of my most cherished personal memories of Shelburne is swearing in new citizens on board The Ticonderoga at Shelburne Museum in September, 2012. It was a touching moment that made me so proud to be a Vermonter; I can remember standing on that ship as a child on a class trip. In that moment I could feel our past met our future as I welcomed our new neighbors to the Green Mountain State.

Today, however, is not just about the past. It is about the next 250 years, years for which I know Shelburne is well-poised to succeed. With the new addition to Shelburne Museum, Vermont Teddy Bear's ever-evolving ability to put Shelburne's fuzzy friends on the map, and most importantly, the quality of you, the residents of Shelburne, I look forward to the days ahead.

Again, Happy Birthday. Here's to 250 more.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott".

Phil Scott