

STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Cold War was a long and costly struggle for freedom among the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia, and was a unique war marked by periodic confrontations between the East and the West; and
- WHEREAS,** the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's communist government in 1991; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of thousands of veterans valiantly served in our nation's armed forces during this long conflict, with many sacrificing their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Cold War Veterans Association has identified May 1 as the day to commemorate the victory in the Cold War.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2005** as

COLD WAR VICTORY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 29th day of April, A.D. 2005.



James H. Douglas
Governor

By the Governor:



Neale F. Lunderville
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs