

State of New Hampshire

By His Excellency

Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2004-04

An Order Regarding The Flying of the General John Stark Flag

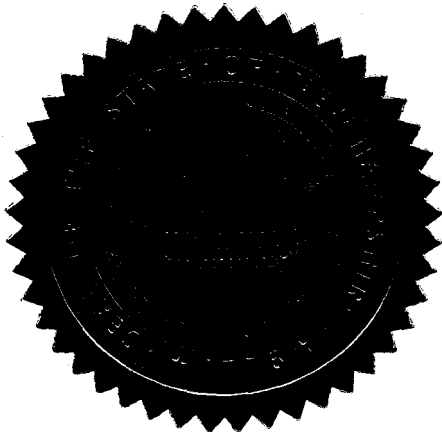
WHEREAS, General John Stark was one of the most distinguished heroes of the American Revolution to hail from the State of New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, General John Stark led a brigade of volunteer citizen soldiers from New Hampshire into a triumphant battle against the British on August 16th and 17th, 1777, in Bennington, Vermont, in order to protect his native New Hampshire from invasion; and

WHEREAS, it was at Bennington that General John Stark inspired his troops to victory with his immortal words, "There are your enemies, the Red Coats and the Tories. We must beat them or tonight Molly Stark sleeps a widow;" and

WHEREAS, Chapter 0183 of the laws of 2003 established the fourth Monday in April as John Stark day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG BENSON, GOVERNOR of the state of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me by Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order that the State of New Hampshire fly "Stark's Militia Brigade Standard" on the flagpole adjacent to the statue of General John Stark on the State House lawn on the fourth Monday in April.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this twenty-second day of April, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and four, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and twenty-eight.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig R. Benson".

Craig R. Benson