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**THE MOUNT INDEPENDENCE COALITION ANNOUNCES THE PUBLICATION OF
STRONG GROUND: MOUNT INDEPENDENCE AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

Orwell, VT - In July of 1776, the desperate American Northern Army was running from a large force of British troops fresh from the Mother Country. The American invasion of Canada had failed. Half the army of 5000 was riddled with small pox and other diseases, collapsing in a heap at Crown Point. General Philip Schuyler needed "strong ground" on which to make a stand to save his army and to defend the land that he didn't even know yet was a new nation. He chose a nameless peninsula across Lake Champlain from Fort Ticonderoga. That peninsula would soon gain the name of Mount Independence.

"For 240 years, the full dramatic story of Mount Independence has remained obscured and underappreciated," says Stephen Zeoli, president of the Mount Independence Coalition. "With the publication of *Strong Ground: Mount Independence and the American Revolution*, we hope to bring the Mount the recognition it deserves as one of the most significant Revolutionary War historic sites."

The 112-page, full-color book is richly illustrated with period maps, new maps, archival paintings, photographs and original illustrations by noted historian and artist Gary Zaboly. The powerful narrative is supplemented by over a dozen sidebars, a glossary and index.

"*Strong Ground* rescues Mount Independence from 240 years of obscurity," says historian Willard Sterne Randall, "restoring America's least disturbed Revolutionary War site to its proper place in American history."

The book is available at various retailers in the area, and for purchase online (see the Coalition website).

The Mount Independence Coalition is a member-supported non-profit organization whose mission is assisting the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to advocate for and interpret Mount Independence State Historic Site in Orwell, Vermont.

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