

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Tibetan Association of Vermont and Tibetans around the world will gather on March 10th to raise awareness of Tibet and celebrate their cultural identity; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tibetan community in Vermont was founded in 1993 and currently counts 123 individuals among its membership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tibetan Association of Vermont is committed to promoting and preserving Tibetan Culture, heritage and religion; and
- WHEREAS,** together with the Tibetan Government in exile through the Office of Tibet in New York, the Tibetan Association of Vermont actively promotes and supports human rights and democratic freedoms in Tibet; and
- WHEREAS,** Tibet has long and proud religious, cultural, and linguistic traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Tibetan Buddhism and its spiritual leader in exile, the Dalai Lama, are recognized for their teachings on compassion, forgiveness and tolerance; and
- WHEREAS,** Tibetan Buddhists and the Dalai Lama are guided by three commitments: the promotion of basic human values or secular ethics in the interest of human happiness, the fostering of inter-religious harmony, and the preservation of Tibet's Buddhist culture, a culture of peace and non-violence; and
- WHEREAS,** it is our hope that the Tibetans and the Chinese can peacefully reach a solution that meets the needs and aspirations of both peoples;
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters encourage peaceful dialogue between the Tibetans and the Chinese with hope for a peaceful future for the people of Tibet and China; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor do proclaim March 10, 2016 as

TIBET DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
on this 10th day of March, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor