

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Vermont joins others in raising awareness and understanding of a genetic disorder known as 4p- syndrome, with Wolf-Hirschhorn as the main syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, children with 4p- syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop slowly, both cognitively and physically, compared to their same-age peers, and experience medical complications while still maintaining pleasant and lovable personalities; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools, and to offer hope to persons with 4p- syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, the 4p- Support Group estimates that approximately 1,000 individuals in the United States have 4p- syndrome, though it is thought many remain undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, increased understanding the syndrome, increased advocacy for effective diagnostic screenings, development of improved therapies for early intervention and other critical treatments, and input by families and advocates of those who have 4p-syndrome will help the medical community to increase knowledge and awareness of this syndrome;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Governor Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2016 as

**4p-/WOLF-HIRSCHHORN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd 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