

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF), a debilitating tumor disorder, affects over 100,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis are a group of three distinct genetic disorders that cause tumors to form on nerve tissue anywhere in the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and nerves; and

WHEREAS, complications of Neurofibromatosis can include hearing loss, learning impairment, cardiovascular issues, loss of vision, severe pain, and cancer developing in 3 – 5% of tumors; and

WHEREAS, although neurofibromatosis treatment aims to support healthy growth and development and to manage complications as they arise, there is no cure for this disease; and

WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast has worked for over 25 years funding and promoting research, providing hope and support for NF patients, and raising awareness. Neurofibromatosis, Inc. is working at the grassroots level to find a cure for this tragic disease; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's NF patients and families are determined to make neurofibromatosis a household word; and

WHEREAS, thanks to committed and engaged families, advocates, and researchers, progress is being made on all fronts and for all types of NF;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS MONTH

in Vermont and encourage citizens to raise awareness of this event and participate fittingly.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of April, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor