

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year the National Park Service is celebrating 100 years of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is home to two national parks, with 39,086 visitors annually contributing \$2,200,000 to the state's economy through visits to unique treasures such as the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, national parks help to safeguard Vermont's natural and cultural heritage, protecting threatened and endangered species and archaeological sites; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our state's rich history and the importance of preserving it for future generations, the National Park Service has awarded Vermont \$23,634,152 in historic preservation grants since 1969, and facilitated \$235,287,387 of historic rehabilitation projects through tax incentives since 1995; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the National Park Service has partnered with communities in Vermont and provided \$33,832,543 in Land and Water Conservation Fund grants to create and maintain a legacy of high quality public outdoor recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service works in communities through education programs and community assistance projects, carrying out 63 community conservation and recreation projects in Vermont since 1987; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service Centennial goal is to connect with and nurture the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates, including encouraging individuals and families to take advantage of our Country's natural wonders and iconic sites as part of the "Find Your Park" initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 18 to 24, 2016 as

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

in Vermont, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State
of Vermont on this 18th day of April, 2016.



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor