

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and
- WHEREAS,** by educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems, it is possible to reduce the rate of mortality from disease; and
- WHEREAS,** men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and
- WHEREAS,** fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and
- WHEREAS,** Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues including prostate, testicular and colon cancer, heart disease and diabetes; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical checkups;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 13-19, 2016

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in Vermont and encourage men to celebrate Father's Day by pursuing preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 25th day of April, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Shumlin
Governor