

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of Vermont youth participate in volunteer activities and programs through their schools, or private and religious organizations, for the betterment of their local and state communities; and

WHEREAS, many Vermont youth are employed within their regions, providing needed services for the citizens of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, both in and out of school, they participate in sports, music, theater and other arts activities, which provide greatly needed enjoyment and entertainment in all communities; and

WHEREAS, Vermont youth are engaged in the use and development of technology and social media, supporting and promoting new skills and abilities which will be needed in our future economy; and

WHEREAS, they are engaged in projects to clean up and improve the environment through recycling efforts, composting, reducing waste, participating in local Green-up Day activities, and promoting environmental awareness to the larger community; and

WHEREAS, many Vermont youth provide child care for their extended families as well as other needed services, enabling family members to be employed, and

WHEREAS, Vermont youth are essential for the growth and development of an economy in which entrepreneurs will prosper, a culture of respect will develop, commitment and independence will be important, and an educational system in which students will flourish;

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

VERMONT YOUTH APPRECIATION MONTH

in Vermont, and celebrate the gifts of the state's youth through their actions, their contributions, and their promise.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th 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