

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as many as 5.3 million Americans are infected with hepatitis; and

WHEREAS, May is National Hepatitis Awareness Month during which people are encouraged to learn more about risks, prevention, and treatment for hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis A and hepatitis B are vaccine preventable, and effective hepatitis C prevention methods are well documented; and

WHEREAS, newly reported cases of hepatitis C are among the most common reportable infections in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis C is now curable in a high percentage of cases; and

WHEREAS, May 19, 2016 is National Hepatitis Testing Day.

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

HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9th day of May, 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