

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, over 60 million individuals and families are living with mental health and substance use problems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 23 million adults once had drug or alcohol problems, but no longer do; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, like the rest of the nation, is addressing mental health and addiction by combining effective prevention, treatment and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, and virtually all Vermonters know someone in their network of family or friends who is affected; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's mental health and addiction recovery organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the effects of mental illness and addictions and the value of long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Rutland's Rally for Recovery is designed to remind all citizens that mental illness and addiction are conditions that respond to proper and timely intervention, treatment, and recovery support services, including the support from peers who have successful recovery experiences; and

WHEREAS, recovery from mental health and addiction not only improves the health of the person, but adds to the recovery of the entire community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 9, 2016

RUTLAND'S RALLY FOR RECOVERY DAY

In Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
on this 9th day of June, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor