

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont's landscape is home to more than 800 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, these lakes, ponds, and reservoirs are critical to Vermont's environment and quality of life, providing sources of recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these lakes, ponds, and reservoirs are valuable economic resources for Vermont's businesses, tourism, and municipal governments, with uses ranging from transportation, to energy production, to drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the health of our lakes, ponds, and reservoirs is the responsibility of every citizen, Vermont recognizes the work of many community volunteers who monitor and improve the water quality of our lakes with support from lake associations, watershed associations, local municipalities, and statewide organizations; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, our State commemorates the Clean Water Act and recognizes its importance to the safety and quality of Vermont's waterbodies and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, Vermont protects and restores lake water quality through provisions of the 2014 Shoreland Protection Act and the 2015 Vermont Clean Water Act;

NOW THEREFORE, in special recognition of the vital role our lakes, ponds and reservoirs play in our environment and the well-being of our state, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor of the State of Vermont, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as

LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH

in Vermont.

I encourage my fellow citizens to participate in recreational activities and enjoy the benefits and scenic beauty of our lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of June, A.D. 2016

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor