

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than nine types of muscular dystrophy and more than 40 neuromuscular diseases which range in severity; and

WHEREAS, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is considered a rare disease that is known to cause muscle weakness and wasting; and

WHEREAS, LGMD most commonly affects proximal muscles, specifically the muscles of the shoulders, upper arms, pelvic area, and thighs; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a group of hereditary, genetic, neuromuscular disorders with over 24 sub-types currently, occurring among all ethnic groups affecting both males and females and with symptoms beginning in childhood, adolescence or adulthood; and

WHEREAS, LGMD is a progressive, serious and debilitating condition that has a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatment and ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of LGMD and all types of muscular dystrophy will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring support and services for those affected by MD and neuromuscular diseases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2016 as

LIMB GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 4th day of August, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor