

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,600 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 440 men each year will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the public commonly thinks of breast cancer as a disease affecting only women, a misconception that can delay diagnosis and treatment in men, often leading to death; and

WHEREAS, early detection of male breast cancer is critical, as men who are diagnosed when breast cancer is in its earliest stages have an increased chance of successful treatment and, ultimately, survival; and

WHEREAS, due in part to a lack of awareness that men can develop the disease, men are generally diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than women, which affects prognosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate early diagnosis and prompt treatment of male breast cancer, public education, awareness, and understanding of the disease is necessary; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 16 through October 22, 2016 as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2016 as

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 2nd day of September, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor