

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the catastrophic injury or death of a parent or guardian can have a devastating emotional and financial impact on any family; and

WHEREAS, when the injury or death results from a work-related accident, workers' compensation benefits are often insufficient to allow the injured or deceased worker's children to pursue their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Vermont was incorporated in June 2014 as a nonprofit organization to provide educational scholarships to young Vermonters whose mothers or fathers have suffered serious, catastrophic or fatal workplace injuries or illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Vermont believes that access to higher education ensures that our state's young people have the knowledge and skills to be successful in the workplace, provide for their families and make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Vermont has provided more than \$20,000.00 in scholarships in the two years since its inception, helping Vermont students attend college, university, vocational and trade programs; and

WHEREAS, future Vermont students will be in need of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, November 14-18, 2016 has been designated *Kids' Chance Awareness Week* in order to increase the visibility of Kids' Chance organizations throughout the United States and to inform others about Kids' Chance scholarship opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2016

as

KIDS' CHANCE AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of October, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor