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**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has designated January 2011 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month;

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross Blood Services Northern the New England Region and healthy, eligible citizens work together to maintain the blood supply for those in need;

**WHEREAS,** it is through the efforts of generous blood donors that the American Red Cross can provide for those in need;

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross faces the growing challenge of recruiting sufficient numbers of blood donors to meet the ever increasing demand for blood; and

**WHEREAS,** frequent periods of blood shortage across the nation have served to underscore the importance of a committed corps of volunteer blood donors,

**THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2011 as

**VOLUNTEER BLOOD DONOR MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all healthy and eligible Vermonters to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly by donating blood.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Individual Development Accounts were developed as a means to provide opportunities for low income individuals to move out of poverty through financial education matched savings accounts to help families build assets; and
- WHEREAS,** both income generation and asset building are essential in the economic lives of all Vermonters, rich and poor alike; and
- WHEREAS,** low income households are less likely to be homeowners than those in higher income brackets, and homeownership represents an important source of wealth equality; and
- WHEREAS,** Individual Development Accounts have been shown nationally to make families more financially secure and to increase rates of homeownership
- WHEREAS,** investments made through the Individual Development Account program total more than 1.5 million invested in Vermont families, communities, and economy;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the day of January 14, A.D. 2011 as

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT DAY**  
in Vermont and congratulate the Vermont Community Action  
Agencies for ten years of Individual Development Accounts



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont National Guard was called upon by the President of the United States to deploy to Afghanistan to defend our state’s basic freedoms; and

**WHEREAS,** over fifteen hundred members of the Vermont National Guard, in the largest deployment since World War II, served their state and country with distinction throughout their year-long mission; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont National Guard performed a variety of difficult military missions, including training Afghan National Security Forces, improving security, governance, and development for the people of Afghanistan and the global community; and

**WHEREAS,** three members of the Vermont National Guard, SGT Steven DeLuzio, SGT Tristan Southworth, and SPC Ryan Grady made the ultimate sacrifice for the people of Vermont and America; and

**WHEREAS,** all Vermonters are grateful for the sacrifices made by the brave men and women of the Vermont National Guard;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 1-7, A.D. 2011 as

**VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD APPRECIATION WEEK**

in Vermont, and thank the citizen soldiers of the Vermont National Guard for their heroic service to our state and nation.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** a large percentage of new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have resulted from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs, who have contributed to the advancement of technology and fueled economic growth; and

**WHEREAS,** entrepreneurs have been a source of economic innovation, contributing new ways of doing things through their creative ideas; and

**WHEREAS,** entrepreneurs work to improve their local communities by enhancing opportunities for businesses to operate and by supporting the human resources needed to advance their ideas; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 70% of young people consider starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults, and entrepreneurial awareness can assist them in the future whether they operate their own businesses or work in businesses owned by others; and

**WHEREAS,** encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship; and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Vermont's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 6-12, A.D. 2011 as

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK**

in Vermont and call upon Vermonters and Vermont businesses and organizations to celebrate our great entrepreneurial spirit by encouraging our youth to explore their ideas and pursue their goals.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has designated February 2011 as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS,** annually, nearly 1.5 million, or one in ten high school students experience intentional physical violence from a dating partner; and

**WHEREAS,** violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS,** only 33% of teens who were in an abusive relationship ever told anyone about the abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** no teen should ever have to deal with the physical and emotional scars associated with dating violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the month of February, A.D. 2011 as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**  
in Vermont and urge educators and students to work together  
to eradicate teen violence once and for all



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Ronald Reagan was born on February 6, A.D. 1911; and

**WHEREAS,** over the course of his life, Reagan built a successful career in Hollywood, served as Governor of California and President of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** President Reagan was well known for his love of the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** President Reagan played a substantial role in ending the Cold War and dismantling the Soviet Union; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is grateful for President Reagan's public service;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 6, A.D. 2011 as

**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL DAY**  
in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to remember President Reagan  
on the 100th anniversary of his birth



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship to more than 71 million households in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** humane societies and animal shelters have to euthanize more than four million dogs, cats, rabbits and other animals each year, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of stray pets, and is a wise investment for pet owners; and

**WHEREAS,** the overpopulation of stray pets costs taxpayers millions of dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the abundance of stray pets; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of over 44,000 pets nationally through *Spay Day 2010*;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 2011 as

**SPAY AND NEUTER MONTH**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to observe this tradition by having their own pets spayed or neutered.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the creation and presentation of newly composed music is fundamental to the history of Vermont and provides a basis for continuing growth of educational opportunities, progress in our cultural leadership and breakthroughs in new technologies; and

**WHEREAS,** local composers create music that is central to Vermont's individuality as reflected in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** a mixed, innovate and dynamic new music climate contributes to the decision to visit and settle in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has shown leadership in the creation and presentation of new music, as revealed by its high proportion of new composers and presentations of new music; and

**WHEREAS,** the Consortium of Vermont Composers is dedicated to the preservation of Vermont's rich history on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Governor Benning Wentworth's groundbreaking charters that led to the creation of Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim A.D. 2011 as

**YEAR OF THE COMPOSER**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to celebrate our state's rich cultural heritage by supporting locally composed music.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of January, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defect and the leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** over one million families across the United States are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 40,000 babies annually are born in the United States with congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS,** undiagnosed congenital heart defects may cause sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 7-13, A.D. 2011 as

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to observe this tradition by sharing experience and information in order to raise public awareness of congenital heart defects.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** engineers have used their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society’s needs for generations; and

**WHEREAS,** in Vermont, engineers face major technological challenges on a daily basis—from rebuilding towns devastated by flood, ice and natural disaster to designing an information superhighway that will help navigate our state and country through the twenty-first century; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont’s engineers continue to inspire young math and science students to realize the practical power of their ideas; and

**WHEREAS,** we look more than ever to engineers to meet the challenges of the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 20-26, A.D. 2011 as

**ENGINEERS WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all students to further their understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of February, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare, each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** while they each affect a relatively small segment of the population, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

**WHEREAS,** over 15 million Americans with rare diseases are unable to get treatment because condition specific medication and procedures are unavailable; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty receiving a timely and accurate diagnosis and few treatment options; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of Vermonters suffer from rare diseases; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Organization for Rare Disorders organizes the national observance of Rare Disease Day annually on the last day of February;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 28, A.D. 2011 as

**RARE DISEASE DAY**

in Vermont and urge Vermonters to work together to raise awareness of the rare diseases that affect many of our friends and neighbors.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grassroots level in the developing world; and

**WHEREAS,** over the past 50 years, more than 1,400 Vermonters have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS and the environment; they have improved the lives of individual and communities around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March, A.D. 2011 as

**PEACE CORPS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge Vermonters to work together to raise awareness of the rare diseases that affect many of our friends and neighbors



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, progressive, disabling neurological disease of unknown origin that affects the central nervous system and has no known cure; and

**WHEREAS,** over 400,000 Americans including more than 2,300 Vermonters have been diagnosed with MS; and

**WHEREAS,** people with MS are often misunderstood because many of their symptoms—including fatigue, weakness, cognition difficulties, vision loss and depression—are invisible; and

**WHEREAS,** with early drug therapy and proper healthcare management, disease progression can be slowed, allowing people with MS to like active, rewarding and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS,** increased public education and awareness about MS not only helps people who must cope with the disease, but also stimulates funds for vital research aimed at developing more disease modifying treatments and ultimately a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March, A.D. 2011 as

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS MONTH**  
in Vermont and urge Vermonters to work together to raise awareness  
of the disease that affect many of our friends and neighbors



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Frederick Webster was born on February 25, 1921 and has established himself as a true Vermonter over the course of his 90 years; and

**WHEREAS,** after graduating from Orleans High School as class valedictorian, Mr. Webster attended the University of Vermont and helped establish the men’s cross country team; and

**WHEREAS,** during the height of World War II, Mr. Webster enlisted in the United States Navy and was deployed to China in 1945—in 1984, the Taiwanese Government awarded him the Sino-American Cooperative Organization Medal; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout his prestigious career, Mr. Webster served as a teacher, a farmer, a tax collector, a sheriff, a church deacon, a noteworthy antique collector, and most importantly, a father of eight; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**FREDERICK HENRY WEBSTER**  
of Coventry for his 90 years of service to the State of Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** March 3, 2011 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pratt-Smoot Act, authorizing the establishment of the National Library Service for the blind and physically handicapped; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Library Service provides free library services to those who cannot read standard print, producing and distributing audio recordings of popular and well-reviewed books, commonly known as Talking Books; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Department of Libraries Special Services Unit is the regional network library of the National Library Service, serving more than 1,000 Vermonters and circulating over 60,000 titles annually; and

**WHEREAS,** tree library services promote an educated workforce and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS,** making information more accessible by diverting physical barriers is essential in providing equal access to all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 3, A.D. 2011 as

**TALKING BOOK DAY**

in Vermont, and encourage eligible Vermonters to make use of this program.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25 day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** since 1998, Friends of Recovery- Vermont has been a statewide advocacy and education coalition of people in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions; and

**WHEREAS,** in partnership with the Vermont Association for Mental Health, Friends of Recovery- Vermont works to inform those in need of recovery services of available resources; and

**WHEREAS,** by using grassroots organizational tools, Friends of Recovery- Vermont gives a voice to those who have, for too long, been underrepresented at policy discussions; and

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of individuals in recovery have participated in legislative advocacy days in the past, ensuring that proper resources are allocated to aid recovery efforts in Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 17, A.D. 2011 as

**RECOVERY DAY**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to work together to ensure a bright future for those battling addiction.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of February, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** art education contributes powerful educational benefits to elementary and secondary students including: development of problem solving and critical thinking abilities, sensitivity to beauty and understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS,** the benefits of art education form the basis of “World Class Standards” developed by the United States Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS,** our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art experiences in the education of all students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

**YOUTH ART MONTH**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to take interest and give full support to quality school art programs, and to teachers attempting to realize that goal.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross fulfills a vital role in Vermont by preventing and alleviating suffering in the face of disaster and reflects the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American People; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross, through its corps of dedicated staff and volunteers, is present in communities across Vermont, providing essential services including blood drives, CPR classes, and aid to military families in crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and the American Red Cross plays a vital role in meeting this need by providing approximately 40% of the nation's blood supply; and

**WHEREAS,** last year, over 21,000 people in our region received American Red Cross training, empowering them to become proactive in the face of emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters understand that the Red Cross and its volunteers need the support of the community to remain vital and ready to meet the challenges that lie ahead;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to give their time and donations of blood to support the valuable services this organization provides.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Saturday, March 12, 2012 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first assembly of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which was founded by Juliet Gordon Low in Savannah Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women to work for the betterment of community and country, and to strive for the highest ideals of character, conduct and patriotism; and

**WHEREAS,** through Girl Scouting, girls build courage, confidence and character and make the world a better place through philanthropic programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them in math, leadership, sports, technology and other fields; and

**WHEREAS,** the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is a chartered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and serves 15,000 girls from age 5 to 17 thanks to the hard work of over 5,100 dedicated volunteers;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 12-16, A.D. 2011 as

**GIRL SCOUT CENTENNIAL WEEK**

in Vermont, and applaud the commitment the Girl Scout Councils have made to Vermont's girls.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2012

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the history of Vermont has shown that flooding is a yearlong hazard to citizens, landscape and the economy; and

**WHEREAS,** causes of destructive flooding range from heavy rain producing thunderstorms to snow melt and ice jams; and

**WHEREAS,** along with causing millions of dollars of property damage and life threatening flood conditions, the Montpelier Ice Jam Flood of 1992 demonstrated the volatility and unpredictability of ice jams; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service is dedicated to the protection of individuals and communities from the threat of inclement weather and the hazard of flooding; and

**WHEREAS,** through partnerships with local and state agencies including Vermont Emergency Management, the National Weather Service is constantly striving to improve its weather warning services and preparedness education for all Vermont residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 14-18, A.D. 2011 as

**FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont, and, along with the National Weather Service and Vermont Emergency Management, encourage all Vermonters to be aware of the yearlong flood hazards, and to be prepared before and during periods of hazardous weather.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund provides free summer vacations to nearly 10,000 New York City youngsters each summer; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund allows intercity children to visit the homes of volunteer host families from 13 states and Canada; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont families have been participating in the Fresh Air Fund Friendly Town Program for over 130 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund allows kids from New York City to enjoy Vermont backyards, parks and open spaces that are unavailable in their urban setting, helping to impart good will and reduce crime; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund is celebrating its 135<sup>th</sup> summer in 2011;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 20, A.D. 2011 as

**FRESH AIR FUND DAY**

in Vermont and recognize the valuable summertime experiences offered by the Fresh Air Fund



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and over 3 million people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

**WHEREAS,** Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26<sup>th</sup> annually to increase understanding and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout Vermont and throughout the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 26, A.D. 2011 as

**PURPLE DAY**

in Vermont and encourage Vermonters to raise awareness of epilepsy.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Fabry Disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening disorder that causes children and adults to suffer a cascade of painful, life-altering symptoms, and can cause premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure; and
- WHEREAS,** Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, causing insufficient breakdown of lipids—causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and
- WHEREAS,** while treatable, Fabry Disease remains severely under recognized and misdiagnosed; and
- WHEREAS,** increased physician and family education is critical to increasing disease recognition; and
- WHEREAS,** an enzyme assay test for males and a molecular DNA test for females can confirm Fabry Disease;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont, and encourage residents to educate themselves and assess family risk for this tragic but treatable disease



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** damage to underground facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous, costly, and often preventable infrastructural damage; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past, some excavators have failed to request line locations because of the many utilities involved; and

**WHEREAS,** Dig Safe System, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, was established to protect the underground equipment of public utilities by transmitting notices of digging from excavators to the utilities in order to locate and mark underground equipment prior to excavation; and

**WHEREAS,** this “One-Call” system is a free service to excavators and homeowners alike, promoting safety, reducing costs, saving time and helping excavators comply with safety rules and regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage excavators and homeowners to prepare themselves before digging.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of March, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** we are fortunate to live in a nation that counts freedom of conscience and free exercise of religion among its most fundamental principles; and

**WHEREAS,** prayer has been a sustaining way for many Americans of diverse faiths to express their beliefs; and

**WHEREAS,** our thoughts and prayers are with those suffering from natural disasters in Japan, New Zealand and elsewhere, and the people from those countries and around the world who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to render aid;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 5, A.D. 2011 as

**DAY OF PRAYER**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** approximately 2,000,000 Americans live with limb loss; and

**WHEREAS,** it is estimates that 1 out of every 200 people in the United States has had an amputation; and

**WHEREAS,** there are 1,000 babies born every year with congenital limb loss; and

**WHEREAS,** unless drastic preventative measures are undertaken to reduce the incidents of diabetic and vascular disease, these numbers will increase; and

**WHEREAS,** preventative care is vital in the fight against diabetes and peripheral vascular disease; it is imperative that weight management is a part of all care plans, and that safety information to prevent traumatic limb loss is readily available;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**LIMB LOSS MONTH**

in Vermont and recognize all Vermonters living with limb loss, and express gratitude to their families and friends who are source of love and encouragement.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** cancer registrars help health care professionals better meet the needs of patients with cancer by collecting and maintaining data on persons diagnosed with this devastating disease; and

**WHEREAS,** data collected by cancer registrars is used by physicians to monitor treatment and continuing care of patients and by epidemiologists to track cancer activity throughout Vermont and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's cancer registrars are committed to promoting the latest medical advances in the diagnostics and treatment of cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Cancer Registrars Week recognizes the contributions that cancer registrars make to the field of allied health

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 11-15, 2011 as

**CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of cancer registrars in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** April 2011 marks the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act, title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which represents a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has been a leader in the country by enacting a law to extend protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, age, marital status, gender identity, and recipients of public assistance as protected classes; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont supports fairness in all housing transactions by continuing to address discrimination, supporting programs that educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities, and collaborating with organizations to assure every Vermonter of their right to equal housing; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is undertaking a statewide analysis of impediments to fair housing choice to identify actions, omissions, or decisions that restrict the availability of fair housing choices;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Vermont and call upon residents to advocate for fair housing options.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** violence and the fear of crime affect the well-being and quality of life for all Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** the pain and darkness of violence and crime overshadows more and more people through hate and bias crimes, child abuse, sexual assault, and school, senior citizen, and family violence; and

**WHEREAS,** this year’s theme “Celebration of Hope” applauds our military, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency services, personnel, educators, elected officials, and our everyday heroes as they battle violence in our communities and stand ready, often under difficult circumstances and at great personal risk, to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the goal of our community to collectively collaborate funding and resources to ensure the availability of our police officers, fire fighters, and other public safety personnel for the safety of our communities: and

**WHEREAS,** stop the Violence Month has been chosen to focus attention on the severity of the problem of violence in our society and serves as an opportunity to recognize the individuals, programs, and organizations who are making a difference in our communities and hopefully, will heighten the awareness of the need to implement measure to reduce the chances of continuing violence.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**STOP THE VIOLENCE MONTH**

in Vermont and call upon Vermonters to stand together to prevent violence in our state.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, 78 governors have proclaimed April 10<sup>th</sup> Siblings Day in their respective states; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1997, Siblings Day Foundation has advocated for a national holiday to honor the indispensable relationship between siblings; and

**WHEREAS,** the typical relationship between siblings is lifelong—often the longest relationship of a person’s life; and

**WHEREAS,** Siblings Day strengthens the family unity by reminding us that the bond with our siblings is a special gift; it is important that we understand how vital it is to cherish, love and respect our brothers and sisters in the tradition that was passed down by our parents and grandparents;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 10, A.D. 2011 as

**SIBLINGS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** both now and for all time to come, pupils in upper schools should pay heed to the Latin tongue; and

**WHEREAS,** the Latin tongue is of use to all, both in speaking and in writing the English language with style and effect; and

**WHEREAS,** the importance of the study and understanding of the Latin language cannot be understated; and

**WHEREAS,** on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, many of the school pupils in Vermont who concern themselves with matters of Latin will come to an assembly at the University of Vermont in the thirty-fifth year of the annual festival;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 3-9, A.D. 2011 as

**LATIN WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** nearly forty eight years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women, especially minority women, continue to suffer the consequences of unequal pay; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the United States Census Bureau, year round, full-time working women in 2009 earned only 77% of the earnings of, full-time working men, indicating little change or progress in pay equality; and

**WHEREAS,** over a working lifetime, wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family an estimated \$700,000 to \$2 million in lost wages, negatively impacting Social Security and pension benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs while enhancing the American economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 12, A.D. 2011 as

**EQUAL PAY DAY**

in Vermont and urge residents to recognize the significant value of women's skills and contributions to the labor force, and further encourage businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure that women are being paid fairly.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** since its founding in 1951, Youth For Understanding has become one of the world’s oldest, largest, and most respected exchange programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Youth For Understanding is committed to preparing young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world, while working in partnership with domestic and foreign governments, corporations, foundations, schools and educators worldwide to create global learning opportunities and promote international understanding and world peace; and

**WHEREAS,** the impact, whether positive or negative, of globalization depends on how the next generation responds to its challenges; Youth For Understanding is positioned to empower young people to rise to these challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 24, A.D. 2011 as

**YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** libraries provide free access to all—from books to online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation’s school, academic, public, and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** last year, Vermonters made over 3,780,000 visits to libraries throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries provide access to career, job and small business databases and other online resources for job seekers; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries are places of opportunity providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promote continuing education and encourage lifelong learning;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, A.D. 2011 as

**LIBRARY WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage all Vermonters to visit the library to take advantage of the available resources and promote literacy in our communities and schools.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the safety and wellbeing of children is a priority of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-a-half minutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Program for Playground Safety has been created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform parents and students of playground injuries and research possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Program for Playground Safety has identified possible ways to significantly reduce the number of playground injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** because a large number of playground injuries occur from April through June, it is important that child care centers, schools, parks and other facilities prepare for the summer season with safety in mind;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 25-29, A.D. 2011 as

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** it is in everyone’s interest to have their own voices heard in critical care, emergency care and end of life circumstances; and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of recommendations from the Attorney General’s End of Life Task Force, the Vermont General Assembly passed a comprehensive Advance Directive law in 2005; and

**WHEREAS,** a component of Vermont’s Advance Directive law was the establishment in 2007 of the Vermont Advance Directive Registry; and

**WHEREAS,** the Advance Directive Registry is an important tool for making and individual’s documents immediately available for health care providers in need of information about critical health care and end of life wishes through an electronic database; and

**WHEREAS,** by completing an Advance Directive, Vermonters are able to communicate end of life choices on a timely basis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 11-16, A.D. 2011 as

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES WEEK**

in Vermont so that attention will be drawn to these important documents to help assure individual wishes in critical care and end of life situations will be honored.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the world's first veterinarian school was founded in Lyon, France in 1761; and

**WHEREAS,** 2011 will mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of veterinarian education; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians have played a vital role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect people in the United States including Salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever and Malaria; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of food supply in the United States and around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** military veterinarians provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support by animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim A.D. 2011 as

**VETERINARY YEAR**

in Vermont and express appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary community has made and continues to make to animal health and welfare, public health, and food safety.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Turningpoint Center of Addison County is celebrating its fifth birthday on April 23, 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** the Turningpoint Center operates as a recovery center for the people of Addison County; and

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, the Turningpoint Center of Addison County has had over 24,000 visits; and

**WHEREAS,** the Turningpoint Center of Addison County provides a safe, substance-free drop-in center providing social, educational, and recreational programs including peer-to-peer recovery support and recovery coaching; and

**WHEREAS,** the Turningpoint Center of Addison County offers meeting space for twelve-step and other recovery oriented groups; and

**WHEREAS,** disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support by animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disaster;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 23, A.D. 2011 as

**TURNINGPOINT CENTER OF ADDISON COUNTY DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Stowe Weekend of Hope, through a partnership of Vermont's medical community and Stowe's hospitality businesses, offers a healthy, inspirational retreat weekend for cancer survivors and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** annually, 563,340 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people per day; and
- WHEREAS,** this year, an estimated 192,370 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and 192,280 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the five year relative survival rate for female breast cancer patients has improved from 63% in the early 1960s to 89% today; and
- WHEREAS,** evidence suggests that approximately 18,557 cancer deaths in 2011 will be preventable—related to obesity, physical inactivity, or poor nutrition; and
- WHEREAS,** thanks to remarkable progress for all childhood cancers combined, five year relative survival has improved from less than 50% in the 1970s to over 80% today; and
- WHEREAS,** regular screenings by health care professionals can result in the detection and removal of precancerous growths and the diagnosis of cancer at an early stage, when it is most treatable;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 29-May 1, A.D. 2011 as

**STOWE WEEKEND OF HOPE**

and urge all citizens to learn about cancer prevention, treatments, and research at the educational events in Stowe.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** currently, only 70 percent of students in public high schools graduate, and that number drops to just 53 percent of students from low income families; and
- WHEREAS,** as a consequence of global competition and advances in technology, many good blue-collar jobs have disappeared; almost all jobs with incomes high enough to support a family now require high levels of education and literacy; and
- WHEREAS,** Project GRAD positively impacts student performance, high school graduation, and college access in 12 communities across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** 85 percent of GRAD Scholars qualify as low income, many face numerous barriers to achieving academic success and struggle to gain access to many of our nation's economic, social and political opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** GRAD Scholars complete colleges at a rate 92 percent above the national average; and
- WHEREAS,** Project GRAD has been instrumental in improving student performance in some of our nation's most poverty-stricken communities and schools, including Atlanta's Washington High School, in which graduation rates have risen by 44 percent since 2003;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 16, A.D. 2011 as

**PROJECT GRAD DAY**

in Vermont and encourage residents to get involved with this important program.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act recognizes Global Youth Service Day as a national day of service; and

**WHEREAS,** Global Youth Service Day is an annual campaign that celebrates and mobilizes the millions of children and youth who improve their communities each day of the year through community service and service-learning; and

**WHEREAS,** Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world and the only day of service dedicated solely to youth engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** high quality community service increases young people's academic achievement and workforce readiness; and

**WHEREAS,** community service and service-learning programs give young people the opportunity to position themselves as active community leaders and gain skills working with community organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** 2011 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Global Youth Service Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 15-17, A.D. 2011 as

**YOUTH SERVICE DAYS**

in Vermont and encourage all residents to serve their communities.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21st day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 110,000 Americans and more than 4,600 in New England who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

**WHEREAS,** there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

**WHEREAS,** we can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue when we apply for - or renew - our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at [www.donatelifenewengland.org](http://www.donatelifenewengland.org); and

**WHEREAS,** this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 29-May 1, A.D. 2011 as

**DONATE LIFE MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all citizens of the state to take cognizance of the event and to participate fittingly in its observance.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** children, Vermont’s most precious resource, must be guaranteed their health, well-being and protection; and

**WHEREAS,** more than half of all reported child abuse cases involved sexual (55%) and/or physical (20%) abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** as stated in Act 1 of 2009: “Prevention is the most important and most often overlooked tool available to the state to fight sexual violence against children. While there is a coordinated statewide approach to stop abuse before it happens that needs to be properly funded and provide safety and treatment for victims”; and

**WHEREAS,** firm action to protect children who have been abused, coupled with prevention and early intervention programs and initiatives, such as Circle of Parents®, Good Beginnings, Early Essential Education, Kids on the Block Vermont, KidSafe, Commit to Kids, quality child care, child sexual abuse prevention programs, and the Nurturing Parenting Programs® significantly contribute to the reduction of child abuse in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** all forms of child abuse- sexual, physical, emotional, and neglect- can lead to substance abuse and violent behavior in children, teens and adults, which inevitably effects families, schools, and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** parents, social workers, health and mental health professionals, educators, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, home visitors, parent educators, domestic violence and rape crisis workers, hot line workers, mentors and other volunteers demonstrate a daily commitment to children and families who fall prey to violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April, A.D. 2011 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**  
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of March, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** on February 1, 2011, Dr. William R. Tonti received a patent for a description of how to build a three dimensional transistor “FinFet” and a standard two dimensional transistor on a common chip, marking the 250<sup>th</sup> patent Dr. Tonti has earned over a lifetime of innovative thinking; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Tonti earned his Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University, an MBA from Saint Michael’s College and both a Master’s of Science and a Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1978, Dr. Tonti began his career with IBM, and over the ensuing 30 years, compiled a record of accomplishment that few can match, including work on advanced DRAM semiconductors, nanotechnology, microprocessors and other pioneering inventions; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Tonti has lived in Vermont for over 30 years; he has been an active member of the engineering community and the global technology engineering profession and currently serves as Director of Future Directions, which identifies and promotes emerging technologies, within the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), the world’s largest technical professional association; he is a former board member of the IEEE Transactions on Device and Material Reliability Committee and a former president of the IEEE Reliability Society; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has a long history of technological innovation, beginning with Samuel Hopkins, who received the first patent in the history of the United States for a new way to produce pot ash; Dr. William Tonti should now be added to this list for his 250 patents, and his lifetime dedicated to innovation in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**DR. WILLIAM R. TONTI**  
for decades of invaluable service to Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of March, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** thousands of brave Americans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving the Armed Forces of the United States of America in active duty posts in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 1,097 of Vermont's children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment of at least one parent; and
- WHEREAS,** these children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth; and
- WHEREAS,** the recognition of a Month of the Military Child will allow us to pay tribute to military children and youth for their commitment, their struggles and their unconditional support of our troops – because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too; and
- WHEREAS,** a month-long salute to military children and youth will encourage local community support to provide direct support to military children and families;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

and I do hereby urge all citizens, business and government leaders to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that honor, support and thank military children.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, as Vermont citizens increase their understanding and practice of sound money management skills, the financial well-being of both the individual and the State will improve; and

**WHEREAS**, financial education can provide Vermont citizens with the knowledge and skills for the successful life-long management of personal finances; and

**WHEREAS**, national and regional surveys continue to point to a need for adults and youth to acquire more personal finance knowledge and skills; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for adults to teach youth the practical application of financial skills, including how to manage personal spending, create and follow a budget, responsibly use credit, save for future financial goals, and understand and navigate through our increasingly complex financial system; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of financial literacy skills by Vermont youth will empower them to make wise financial decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the activities and efforts of organizations such as the Vermont Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy and its volunteers, who come from business, government, and education sectors, should be recognized and supported; and

**WHEREAS**, national observances such as the April 24, 2012 National Teach Children to Save Day promote the importance of teaching our youth about saving for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of Financial Literacy for Youth Month will help raise public awareness about the importance of financial education in Vermont and the serious consequences that may be associated with a lack of understanding about personal finances;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as**

**FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR YOUTH MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to encourage and support the efforts of our youth and the organizations serving them to become financially educated.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 30th day of March, A.D. 2012.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Monday, May 2, 2011 marks the beginning of Public Service Recognition Week, a celebration sponsored by the Public Employees' Roundtable and celebrated nationally since 1985; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of Public Service Recognition Week is to show appreciation to public employees and to showcase the services they provide to Vermonters and Americans every day at the state, county, city and federal levels; and
- WHEREAS,** public sector employees in Vermont provide services to help protect, preserve and enhance the exceptional quality of life enjoyed by Vermonters and visitors to our state; and
- WHEREAS,** without the talents, skills and dedication of our public sector employees, we would not be able to maintain the quality of life we now enjoy; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to express our gratitude for the contributions government employees make to the lives of all Vermonters by the work they perform;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2011 as

**PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all state and municipal employers to recognize the contributions of public sector employees to the State of Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 31st day of March, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Virginia “Gini” Coursen has dedicated over 35 years of service to the Bellows Falls Booster Club, including organizing the purchase of a recognition cake and refreshments for the annual Purple Pride event, spearheading the procurement of merchandise to promote school spirit and pride, supporting local events like the Bellows Falls Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament and Bellows Falls Middle School Soccer Tournament, and ensuring that students are recognized for achievements in events such as All-State Music Competitions and Math Team State Championships; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout her Booster Club tenure, Gini went above and beyond in her dedication to her community and students, including countless hours running concessions at Bellows Falls Union High School basketball games, promoting 50/50 raffles, promoting Little League throughout the community, and recognizing student achievement at National Honor Society dinners and Class Nights; and

**WHEREAS,** Gini has been instrumental in instituting the William J. Cinotti Scholarship in honor of the beloved foreign language teacher, the Harry Weiser Award to recognize annually the student who most exemplifies the qualities of Harry “Bud” Weiser, and has volunteered her time and talent to assisting the Student Council; and

**WHEREAS,** Gini continues to give back to her community by serving as a substitute teacher at Bellows Falls Union High school; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia Coursen will be recognized by her community at Bellows Falls Union High School’s 2011 Project GRAD Annual Dinner;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**VIRGINIA “GINI” COURSEN**  
for decades of community service.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of April, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** water is our most precious natural resource; and

**WHEREAS,** tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS,** all measures of a successful society—low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety—are in some way related to access to safe water; and

**WHEREAS,** we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

**WHEREAS,** Drinking Water Week is observed nationally to increase awareness of the importance of both public and private water supplies;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, A.D. 2011 as

**DRINKING WATER WEEK**

in Vermont and call upon each citizen to help protect our water sources from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electricity-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS,** there are, on average, 490 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

**WHEREAS,** more than seven people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.3 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS,** the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**

in Vermont and highlight the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits, checking homes and workplaces for potential electrical hazards, and utilizing technology such as ground fault circuit interrupters.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women of the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to physical injuries, there are thousands of cases—up to 45% of returning war veterans—of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

**WHEREAS,** the Silver Star Families of America was founded to ensure we remember the sacrifice of the wounded and infirmed service members and veterans by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Service Banner and flag; and

**WHEREAS,** to date, the Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Service Banners to wounded or ill service members and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** by displaying the Silver Star Service Banner, we recognize the tremendous sacrifice made in defense of freedom by the brave men and women of the armed forces;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1, A.D. 2011 as

**SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** all citizens are encouraged to speak with their physicians about how physical activity and exercise may help treat or prevent numerous chronic conditions such as hypertension, cardiac disease, and diabetes; and

**WHEREAS,** all physicians and other health care providers are encouraged to talk to their patients about the health benefits of exercise; and

**WHEREAS,** regular, moderate-intensity exercise has curative and protective health benefits; and

**WHEREAS,** a more active, healthier population is directly correlated with health care cost savings and greater participation in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS,** the American College of Sports Medicine and the State of Vermont call on health care organizations, physicians and other professionals, regardless of specialty, to assess and review every patient's physical activity program during comprehensive visits;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**EXERCISE IS MEDICINE MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to participate in physical activity in the interest of better health and quality of life.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** small business is the backbone of the Vermont economy and has long played a vital role in our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the small business community constitutes the most important segment of our free enterprise system, more than half of the American labor force, and continues to be a major source of inventions and new jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** as we work to emerge from the most painful recession since the Great Depression, recovery will be contingent on small businesses and entrepreneurs creating good paying, local jobs and bolstering our economy; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past year, Vermont has added over 7,000 private sector jobs; and

**WHEREAS,** the small business community is characteristic of the true spirit of Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 16-20, A.D. 2011 as

**SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Since December 1867 the Order of Patrons and Husbandry, better known as the Grange, has advocated on behalf of agricultural communities and families; and

**WHEREAS,** as the nation’s oldest national agricultural organization, the Grange now has 300,000 members in 3,600 communities in 37 states; and

**WHEREAS,** the Grange provides service to agriculture and rural areas on a wide variety of issues including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure a strong and viable Rural America; and

**WHEREAS,** formed in the years following the Civil War to unite private citizens in improving the economic and social position of the nation’s farm population, the Grange now includes non-farm rural individuals and families in strengthening our communities and providing a social gathering place for activities and recreation, a place to develop skills for a lifetime, and a family-oriented organization that provides lifetime membership;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**GRANGE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** people of all ages throughout the world have developed toxic injury, illness, and disability for exposure to toxic substances; and

**WHEREAS,** toxic injury is often characterized by medical intolerance to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals, mold and other toxins found in homes, schools, work places, everyday products and the environment; and

**WHEREAS,** toxic injury is a chronic debilitating condition causing serious, often disabling illnesses, which can cause serious financial and economic consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** there are diagnostic codes readily available for toxic effects of many chemicals found in our everyday environment and surroundings; and

**WHEREAS,** those suffering with toxic injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support, and help all

otted to other illnesses and disabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**TOXIC INJURY AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND PREVENTION MONTH**

and call upon Vermonters to increase awareness and understanding of the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of toxic injury.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** National Women’s Health Week celebrates the extraordinary progress in women’s health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard women’s health for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right; and
- WHEREAS,** keeping women healthy and safe and promoting awareness of women’s health issues depends on partnerships with social, health, and other services; and
- WHEREAS,** women can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health; and
- WHEREAS,** women’s health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 10-16, A.D. 2011 as

**WOMEN’S HEALTH WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and increase awareness and understanding of women’s health issues.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** neurofibromatosis (NF), a debilitating tumor disorder, affects over 100,000 Americans; and

**WHEREAS,** Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast has worked for over 20 years on their mission to find a cure for NF; and

**WHEREAS,** by funding and promoting research, providing hope and support for NF patients, and raising awareness, Neurofibromatosis, Inc. is working at the grassroots level to find a cure for this tragic disease; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's NF patients and families are determined to make neurofibromatosis a household word;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**NEUROFIBROMATOSIS MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage citizens to raise awareness  
of this event and participate fittingly.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** this year, the Antique Automobile Club of America will hold its Eastern Division National Meet in Vermont for the first time; and

**WHEREAS,** the Antique Automobile Club of America was founded in 1935 to promote the safeguarding of history through the hobby of antique car collection and preservation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Eastern Division National Meet gives Vermonters the opportunity to experience classic automobiles, including cars, race vehicles, trucks, fire vehicles, motorcycles and powered bicycles; and

**WHEREAS,** by holding the Eastern Division National Meet, the Antique Automobile Club of America gives its members the opportunity to experience the scenic beauty of Vermont while enriching the local economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, A.D. 2011 as

**ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** National Rosie the Riveter Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the 16 million working women during World War II; and
- WHEREAS,** Rosie the Riveter is the embodiment of these women—many of whom left their homes to work or volunteer fulltime in factories, farms, shipyards, banks and other institutions in support of the military overseas; and
- WHEREAS,** by working with the USO and Red Cross to drive trucks, rivet airplane parts, collect critical materials, roll bandages, serve on rationing boards and other instrumental tasks, the female workers were instrumental in ensuring Ally victory; and
- WHEREAS,** it is right and proper to recognize and preserve history and the legacy of the working women of World War II to promote cooperation and fellowship among such members and their descendants; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 28, A.D. 2011 as

**ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY**

in Vermont and encourage citizens to honor the women who worked tirelessly to ensure victory.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

**WHEREAS,** water education plays an essential role in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition, is committed to developing safe swimming, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing safe places to recreate; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vitally important to communicate water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools or visitors to public swimming facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**WATER SAFETY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs of the body, and in some cases, death; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 5 million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease, and each year over 100,000 young men, women and children are diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of child bearing age; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a severe worldwide need to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

**WHEREAS,** it is imperative that we work toward increasing awareness of lupus, and investment in safer, more effective treatment;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 10, A.D. 2011 as

**LUPUS AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and murder of six million European Jews and millions of homosexuals, the handicapped, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war and political dissidents; and
- WHEREAS,** the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and
- WHEREAS,** the Days of Remembrance have been set aside by the people of the state of Vermont to remember victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1-8, A.D. 2011 as

**DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

in Vermont in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors, and further proclaim that citizens of Vermont should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever it occurs.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermonters are served every day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels—these unsung heroes lay the groundwork on which our state is built; and
- WHEREAS,** many public servants, including military personnel, police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, plow operators and transportation crews, and health care professionals, risk their lives each day in serving the people of Vermont and the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** public servants, including teachers, doctors, scientists, train conductors, laborers, and social workers, provide the diverse services demanded by Vermonters with efficiency and integrity; and
- WHEREAS,** without public employees, government continuity would be impossible in a democracy in which leaders and elected officials change regularly;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, A.D. 2011 as

**PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** of the 20 million children in America under age 5, over 11 million rely on some form of child care setting; and

**WHEREAS,** by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within Vermont, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS,** our future depends of the quality of early child experiences; high quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6, A.D. 2011 as

**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to recognize child care providers for their important work.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is celebrated for its places of natural beauty—from the scenic mountains to the rich wetlands; and

**WHEREAS,** conserving our natural resources and enhancing our environmental stewardship by protecting open spaces, restoring wildlife habitats, educating young people about the environment and taking actions to ensure its preservation, is an important part of ensuring that Vermont’s abundant natural resources are accessible for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS,** Great Outdoors Month provides an opportunity to recognize the community groups, environmental organizations, and state and local agencies who work diligently to protect our state’s most precious treasures; and

**WHEREAS,** in these difficult economic times, we must renew our commitment and protection of natural resources as a means of job creation and statewide economic development through tourism and recreation;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6, A.D. 2011 as

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to help protect the natural resources with which our state is intertwined.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of April, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermont's system of transportation relies largely on cars and trucks, but it also includes buses, carpools, vanpools, trains, walking and bicycling; and
- WHEREAS,** driving alone produces more pollution and costs more money over time than driving with others or utilizing alternative methods of transportation; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's beauty is tied to clean air and water, and reducing pollution from all vehicles will help protect these assets; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that during last year's Way to Go! Week, over 3,000 participants prevented over 200,000 pounds of transportation pollutants (including 191,000 pounds of carbon emissions), saved over 220,000 miles of driving and over 9,700 gallons of gas, and saved more than \$30,000 in total transportation costs, driving and maintenance costs; and
- WHEREAS,** Way to Go! Commuter Challenge 2011 has garnered the support of Vermont businesses and participants to continue and expand efforts in order to encourage the use of cheaper, healthier and more earth-friendly transportation alternatives to driving alone; and
- WHEREAS,** Way To Go! Commuter Challenge 2011, a partnership of the Campus Area Transportation Management Association, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Chittenden County Transportation Authority, Community Climate Action/10% Challenge, GoVermont, Green Mountain Transportation Authority, Lake Champlain Committee, Local Motion, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, and Vermont Rideshare and generously supported by many other private and public sector sponsors, is a commitment to expand the use and awareness of transportation alternatives to solo car commuting in an effort to reduce pollution and driving costs, and to improve the environment and Vermonters' health.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 16-20, 2011 as

**WAY TO GO! WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 22nd day of April, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** emergency medical services are a vital public service available to provide lifesaving care and disaster response to those in need 24 hours per day, seven days per week; and

**WHEREAS,** access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rates of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately two thirds of emergency medical service providers are volunteers; and

**WHEREAS,** members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS,** members of emergency medical services teams put their lives on the line each day in service to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, A.D. 2011 as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of April, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** John Boutin was born in a state near Vermont on June 16, 1956; and

**WHEREAS,** as the son of Bernard Boutin, a public servant and the first administrator of the Small Business Administration, John was exposed to commerce at a very young age; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1986, John opened Vermont Business Magazine’s Burlington office, where he envisioned the Deane C. Davis Outstanding Vermont Business Award, which is has been presented yearly by Vermont Business Magazine and the Vermont Chamber of Commerce since 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** since becoming a minority owner of Vermont Business Magazine in 1993, John has twice saved the magazine—by finding a majority owner in 1993 and fighting off a hostile takeover in 1998; and

**WHEREAS,** John’s vision for Vermont Business Magazine and the Vermont community at large is perhaps his greatest asset—by introducing the Rising Stars program, recognizing our state’s emerging business and community leaders, John has set the stage for the next generation of job creation and economic development;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**JOHN BOUTIN**

for his service to the community and thank him for 25 years of extraordinary service to Vermont Business Magazine



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** for 100 years, the Vermont State Board of Nursing has ensured public trust and accountability in the nursing community; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont’s nursing community meets the medical needs of our most vulnerable neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont State Board of Nursing prescribes the standards by which educational programs are held, examines graduates of state-approved educational programs which prepare persons to enter the practice of nursing, registers and licenses successful examinees, and regulates the practice of nursing in Vermont among many other tasks; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate and fitting that the state of Vermont recognizes the work of the Vermont State Board of Nursing and the hardworking nurses in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, A.D. 2011 as

**VERMONT STATE BOARD OF NURSING WEEK**

in Vermont and congratulate the Vermont State Board of Nursing on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** for the past 34 years, Bob Howe has worked with fire and building codes—ensuring that Vermonters are kept safe; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout his tenure, Bob has worked with every state agency to ensure cohesion and consistency; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past 20 years, Bob has administered the Fire Safe calendar contest for third graders, which he founded to emphasize the importance of fire safety; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob has always served his state humbly; in the face of adversity, he has always been a gentleman; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob has always served his community with pride by coaching girls basketball and helping his church provide meals to those in need;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**ROBERT HOWE**

for his years of exemplary service to the state of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of April, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in an increasingly global economy, knowledge of foreign language becomes more necessary than ever; and

**WHEREAS,** those proficient in foreign language have greatly expanded access to a variety of experiences, communications and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** as our nation builds bridges around the world, it is imperative that students expand their lingual horizons in the interest of commerce, peace, technology, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS,** by exploring foreign language, learners come to appreciate the subtleties of their own language and culture more fully; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to celebrate the efforts of students, teachers and schools to increase the foreign language proficiency of Vermonters;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2012.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK**

in Vermont and recognize the importance of foreign language education.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of April, A.D. 2012.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** disability income insurance can be an integral part of a sound financial plan; and
- WHEREAS,** disability income insurance provides financial security for families in the event of an unexpected disability by helping the family meet immediate and long-term financial obligations and objectives; and
- WHEREAS,** when a disability occurs, insufficient disability income insurance coverage on the part of the insured by result in the family having to make difficult financial and personal choices; and
- WHEREAS,** many individuals, families and businesses can benefit greatly from professional insurance and financial planning advice, including the assessment of their disability income insurance needs; and
- WHEREAS,** a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance companies and organizations have designated May, 2011 as “Disability Insurance Awareness Month,” the goal of which is to make consumers more aware of their disability income insurance needs, and to encourage them to seek professional advice as they seek to protect their financial security and that of their loved ones;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011

**DISABILITY INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge Vermonters to learn more about disability income insurance and its benefits.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of April, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** one of the primary goals of the State of Vermont is to provide its citizens with an effective criminal justice system that focuses on quality of life and safety for all; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's dedicated correctional employees are essential to the justice system; and

**WHEREAS,** much is expected of the men and women who every day supervise offenders in correctional facilities and in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** correctional employees are skilled professionals who must act as counselors, communicators, educators, and experts at crisis interventions and must protect our safety while maintaining their professional demeanor in a constantly changing environment; and

**WHEREAS,** correctional employees must possess the intuitive sense to resolve conflict and support restorative activities while housing offenders in a humane environment or supervising offenders in the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2011

**CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to pay special tribute to these men and women who serve so faithfully.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of April, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermonters have long recognized the values and benefits of trees and forests to the state and for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** trees improve air quality, conserve energy, enhance water quality, reduce storm water runoff, provide wildlife habitat and combat soil erosion; and
- WHEREAS,** the trees that grace our communities increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and create beautiful landscapes; and
- WHEREAS,** Tree Line USA communities deserve recognition for their efforts and commitment to planting trees and sustaining forestry programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Tree Line USA utilities deserve recognition for their commitment to maintain green corridors and reliable power; and
- WHEREAS,** Tree Campus USA universities deserve recognition for their excellence in campus tree management, as well as student and community involvement.
- WHEREAS,** The state Arbor Day Growing Works of Art contest winners are recognized for artistically and factually showcasing Vermont's trees.
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters are encouraged to celebrate trees and, if the opportunity exists, plant a tree.
- WHEREAS,** The first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate Arbor Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 6, 2011 as

**ARBOR DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 2nd day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the emergence of local craft breweries has been a boon to our state’s tourism, education, agricultural, and manufacturing sectors; and
- WHEREAS,** over half of Vermont’s breweries are brewpubs and have become tourist attractions for visitors, and 40,000 copies of the Vermont Brewers Association’s (VBA) *Breweries and Wineries* brochure have been distributed; and
- WHEREAS,** VBA has created the Vermont Brewery Challenge, featuring a passport that participants can have marked as they visit a brewery and turn in for prizes; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Brewers Guild of Salisbury is considered a premier brewing school and attracts domestic and international students to study with famed brewing expert Steve Parkes; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont’s brewers are working with agricultural specialists at the University of Vermont to restore the state’s historic hops and the VBA has embarked on a landmark project to encourage maximum use of local products in Vermont-produced beers; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont’s craft breweries provide 18 special reasons to celebrate Craft Beer Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 16-22, 2011 as

**CRAFT BEER WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 4th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is, and always will be, known for its scenic beauty, natural resources and environmental consciousness; and

**WHEREAS,** since the inaugural event on April 18, 1970, Green Up Day has been an integral part of Vermont's springtime tradition; and

**WHEREAS,** envisioned by Burlington Free Press reporter Robert Babcock and spearheaded by Governor Deane C. Davis, Green Up Day gives Vermonters the opportunity to practice environmental stewardship and beautify our landscape; and

**WHEREAS,** annually, over 15,000 volunteers participate in Green Up Day and collect over 40,000 bags of trash from our roads, fields, streams, mountains and valleys; and

**WHEREAS,** the success of Green Up Day is contingent on the dedication of each town's volunteer coordinators, who ensure that the day's activities run smoothly by orchestrating bag distribution and collection; and

**WHEREAS,** all Vermonters can participate in Green Up Day events by visiting [www.greenupvermont.org/](http://www.greenupvermont.org/) and contacting their town coordinator;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 7, 2011 as

**GREEN UP DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 4th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the historic Brooks House building in downtown Brattleboro, built in 1871, was destroyed by fire; and

**WHEREAS,** the building was home to more than 50 residents and ten storefront businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** there was no loss of life, and damage to the building was less significant because of the valiant and brave work of the Brattleboro Fire Department, Brattleboro Police Department and rescue personnel joined by mutual aid from New Hampshire and Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Green Mountain Chapter of the Red Cross, the United Way of Windham County along with countless local service organizations and individual citizens have stepped up to offer comfort and support to the residents of the Brooks House as they move forward with their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to ask Vermonters to come together in support of their neighbors affected by the fire;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize the citizens of the Town of

**BRATTLEBORO**

as they unite together to celebrate their neighbors and support the restoration of their vibrant downtown.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont has averaged over 500 prostate cancer diagnoses per year and over 60 deaths from prostate cancer each year; and
- WHEREAS,** forty percent of new diagnoses of prostate cancer occur in men under the age of 65; and
- WHEREAS,** African-American males suffer a prostate cancer incidence rate up to 65 percent higher than white males and double the mortality rate; and
- WHEREAS,** one in six Vermont men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime, and one man in 34 will die of this disease. If a man in Vermont has one close family member (father or brother) diagnosed with prostate cancer, he has a one in three chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer, and if he has more than one close family member diagnosed with prostate cancer, he has a one in two chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** when diagnosed in its early stages, the chances of surviving prostate cancer for more than five years is nearly 100 percent, while only 29 percent of men survive more than five years if diagnosed during the late stages of the disease; and
- WHEREAS,** having frank and detailed discussions with a primary care provider about the potential harms and benefits of screening and treatment is essential in order to make an informed decision about screening for prostate cancer. Men at average risk should start talking to their doctors beginning at age 50. Men at higher risk (including African Americans and men who have a close relative with prostate cancer) should talk to their doctor about prostate testing as early as age 40;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

and urge all men to talk to their health care professionals and become aware of the risks and benefits of prostate cancer screening and treatment.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 17th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of people die each year in boating-related accidents in the United States, and more than half of these fatalities are caused by drowning; and

**WHEREAS,** a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year might be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

**WHEREAS,** the majority of these accidents are thought to be caused by human error or poor judgment, and not by the boat, other equipment or environmental factors; and

**WHEREAS,** today’s boating public, including traditional boaters as well as fishermen, hunters, and paddlers are well-served by wearing life jackets and other safety apparel; and

**WHEREAS,** to increase both the usage of life jackets and the practice of safe boating habits, the North American Safe Boating Campaign established a year-round effort to promote safe boating, urging all those who boat to “Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It;”

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 4-10, 2011 as

**SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944, over 160,000 American, British, Canadian, French, Polish, Belgian, Greek, Dutch and other troops embarked on the largest amphibious invasion in world history as allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy; and

**WHEREAS,** also known as D-Day and Operation Overkill, the invasion of Normandy launched the allied invasion of German-occupied Western Europe and represented a turning point in World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** the Normandy Landings took years of meticulous planning and grueling training to orchestrate and allied forces suffered over 10,000 casualties; and

**WHEREAS,** the heroic sacrifices of so many brave men—many of whom were under the age of 20— led to a decisive Allied Victory and the fall of Nazi Germany in May 1945; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont will always be indebted to the valiant heroes who lost their lives in defense of the freedom and liberty we enjoy today;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2011 as

**NORMANDY DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** in response to a need for accreditation for quality mechanics, the independent, nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) was founded in 1972; and
- WHEREAS,** ASE’s mission is to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through testing and certification of repair and service professionals; and
- WHEREAS,** at present, there are over 400,000 ASE certified professionals working in every segment of the automotive service industry; and
- WHEREAS,** consumers benefit from ASE certification, which serves as a valuable yardstick by which to measure knowledge and skills of technicians; and
- WHEREAS,** over 800 of Vermont’s quality automotive service professionals are certified by ASE;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 6-12, 2011 as

**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS WEEK**

in Vermont and recognize the hard work of Vermont’s automotive service professionals.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** heart disease is the number one cause of death of men and women across the state and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS,** through the “Celebrate the Heart” initiative, members of the Rutland community dedicate their energy and passion to uniting the community and encouraging all residents to make healthy choices to reduce the risk of heart disease; and

**WHEREAS,** since 1976, Rutland has united to raise awareness and money for heart disease and, in recent years, preserve the memory of 1932 Olympian and native son Frank Crowley and his brothers Joe and Larry; and

**WHEREAS,** on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart Healthy Fitness Expo will be held in the Rutland Middle School’s Keefe Gymnasium, followed by the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race, which will be held on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8 AM; and

**WHEREAS,** this year’s festivities will feature Bill Rodgers, a 1976 Olympian;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 6-12, 2011 as

**CELEBRATE THE HEART WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to participate in the heart healthy events sponsored by the Crowley Brothers Memorial Road Race Committee and to become more informed about the health issues associated with the cardiovascular system and physical fitness.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D. 2012.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and

**WHEREAS,** by educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems, it is possible to reduce the rate of mortality from disease; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont Men’s Health Week will focus on a broad range of men’s health issues including prostate, testicular and colon cancer, heart disease and diabetes; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont are encouraged to increase awareness of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise and medical checkups;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 13-19, 2011 as

**MEN’S HEALTH WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage men to celebrate Father’s Day by pursuing preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** fourteen teachers, administrators, and support staff from the school districts within the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union have given a total of 415 years helping children grow and offering a nurturing environment in which learning is the top priority; and

**WHEREAS,** teachers David Sprague, Nancy O’Neil, Jean Michaels, Anne Ehret, Ellen Jones, Kathy Kelz, and Teru Simon have worked diligently, displaying compassion and innovation throughout exemplary careers; and

**WHEREAS,** support staff including kitchen staff, nurses, media and technology specialists and payroll specialists ensure that the behind the scenes work is done. Priscilla Rice, Katherine Williams, Harriet Durand and Pauline Billert have served the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union with distinction; and

**WHEREAS,** 2010 retirees Linda Madden, Gloria Amuso and Jim Boutin were never formally recognized for their exemplary teaching careers;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize the retirees of

**SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT SUPERVISORY UNION**

for their innumerable contributions to the  
welfare of the Southwestern Vermont community.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 23rd day of May, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** many citizens of Vermont enjoy the pleasure of riding motorcycles throughout the spring and summer seasons; and
- WHEREAS,** between 2005 and 2009, motorcycle helmet use increased from 48% to 67%; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycle helmets saved 1,829 motorcyclists' lives in 2008; and
- WHEREAS,** as gas prices continue to rise, people continue to turn to motorcycles for commuting, business, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** motorcycles can be difficult for other drivers to see due to their smaller sizes, and car-motorcycle accidents generally have serious results for the motorcyclist; and
- WHEREAS,** simple awareness reminders can help prevent motorcycle accidents; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to keeping our roads safe for all citizens;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2011 as

**MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to be mindful of motorcyclists throughout their summer travels.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** with more than 400 manufacturing facilities across the nation supplying some of the 8,000 components of a wind turbine, the nation’s wind energy industry stands poised to develop additional clean energy and jobs for thousands of Americans, including Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has more than 40 companies serving the wind energy industry directly and indirectly; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont wind companies provide quality jobs for hundreds of Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** according to wind assessment research conducted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Vermont has adequate wind resources to provide 160 percent of the state’s electricity needs; and
- WHEREAS,** wind energy is locally generated and diversifies Vermont’s power supply portfolio, protects us against energy price volatility, improves the quality of our natural resources and combats climate change; and
- WHEREAS,** wind energy helps Vermont’s green economy develop, revitalizes our manufacturing sector and creates high quality clean energy jobs;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2011 as

**GLOBAL WIND DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Barbecue Association, Inc. is a charitable Vermont not-for-profit corporation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Barbecue Association, Inc. has registered the trade name *Champlain Valley Barbecue Championships* with the Vermont Secretary of State; and

**WHEREAS,** all proceeds of the *Champlain Valley Barbecue Championships* will be donated to charitable causes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Barbecue Association, Inc. is committed to holding such competitions annually;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY BARBECUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

and thank the Vermont Barbecue Association for their tireless work in making these events a reality.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** amateur radio has provided key communication links across the nation during emergencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont amateur radio community has proven itself time and again to be a crucial communication link and lifeline of relief in local disasters and hardships; and
- WHEREAS,** the Radio Amateurs of Vermont generously donate time to work with Vermont's students in honing communications skills and building bridges toward bright broadcasting futures; and
- WHEREAS,** the amateur radio operators of the Green Mountain State stand ready and proud to serve Vermont during emergencies and by participating in Amateur Radio Disaster Services (ARES), Vermont Emergency Management's Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and by preparing themselves through excises at the annual Field Day event;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2011 as

**AMATEUR RADIO WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS,** pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Vermont forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS,** pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20-26, 2011 as

**VERMONT POLLINATOR WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle was designated by the Second Continental Congress as the national emblem of the United States on June 20, 1782; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and has come to represent the basic American values that citizens of this nation hold dear; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and the insignia of many branches of federal government, stamps and currency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Bald Eagle's image and symbolism have played a significant role in the American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education and culture; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior delisted the Bald Eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but continues its protection under the Bald and Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and
- WHEREAS,** the recovery of the Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished through the time consuming and vigilant efforts of individuals, agencies and organizations;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2011 as

**AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to support the continued recovery and protection of the majestic Bald Eagle



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the epidemic of gun violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming eight lives per day; and

**WHEREAS,** over 40 percent of American homes with children have guns, many of them are kept unlocked and loaded, and children in the United States are more likely to die of gun violence than all natural causes combined; and

**WHEREAS,** the ASK (asking saves kids) campaign urges parents to ask their neighbors if there is a gun in their home before sending a child over to play; and

**WHEREAS,** through a national public health campaign, the hope is that asking will become part of good parenting vernacular, offering a real solution that all Americans can adopt to help protect our families and children that work immediately to save lives; and

**WHEREAS,** by adhering to the of the ASK campaign, community members can engage in a meaningful discussing about the welfare of our children and work toward significantly reducing accidental gun violence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2011 as

**ASK DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 2nd day of June, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** 25.8 million children and adults in the United States—8.3% of the population—have diabetes; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2007, diabetes was listed as the underlying cause on 71,382 death certificates and was listed as a contributing factor on an additional 160,022 death certificates—this means that diabetes contributed to a total of 231,404 deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** for children around the world, the daily fight to stay alive and counter the effects of diabetes requires a 24/7 effort that takes an unbelievable physical and emotional toll; and

**WHEREAS,** the first annual SLAM Diabetes waffle ball tournament has been organized to increase public awareness of diabetes, fund grants and scholarships to send children to camps designed specifically for those with type 1 diabetes, develop technology to improve the lives of those with diabetes, and fund research for a cure;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2011 as

**SLAM DIABETES DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of June, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** VBT Bicycling and Walking Vacations is an award-winning tour operator located in Bristol, Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** the company was founded in 1971 by John Freiden, a Middlebury College professor who then offered affordable weekend cycling getaways to Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** since its establishment forty years ago, VBT has grown to offer an award-winning collection of thirty seven vacations to twenty six countries; and

**WHEREAS,** VBT supports the vital interests of Vermont by enhancing the state’s tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS,** given VBT’s economic, recreational and cultural contributions to the Green Mountain State, it is fitting that we recognize the importance of VBT’s fortieth anniversary;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**VBT BICYCLING AND WALKING VACATIONS**

for contributions to the state of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of July, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Odyssey of the Mind Project is the largest problem-solving program for young people in the state; and

**WHEREAS,** Odyssey of the Mind teaches students how to solve long-term and spontaneous problems using their skills and imagination; and

**WHEREAS,** over 110 teams and 150 volunteers participated in the annual State Tournament in March 2011, of which twenty-four teams advanced to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at the University of Maryland in May 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** the teams from Stowe Playhouse and Mill River Union High School both received second place in their divisions at the World Finals;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize all

**ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

participants from Vermont and congratulate them for their hard work, dedication and outstanding achievements.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of June, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the Harpoon Championship of New England Barbecue continues to be the promotion of barbecue cuisine from Vermont and throughout New England; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past ten years, the Harpoon Championship of New England Barbecue has successfully brought the art of barbecue to the people of Vermont and New England; and

**WHEREAS,** barbecue cuisine has deep roots in Vermont and New England; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Windsor, Vermont will once again welcome the Harpoon Championship of New England Barbecue and provide residents, competitors and participants with the opportunity to experience the tastes and smells of championship barbecue;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize the

**HARPOON CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW ENGLAND BARBECUE**

and thank the Harpoon Brewery and the residents of Windsor  
for their tireless work in making these events a reality.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of June, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of nearly one half million young people, and has provided guidance so they can become better qualified citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** baton twirling plays an important role in children’s hospitals as a unique form of physical therapy; and

**WHEREAS,** the national baton twirling championships will be held this July at the University of Notre Dame;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 17-23, 2011 as

**BATON TWIRLING WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of June, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States, behind skin cancer, and is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, behind lung cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the Susan G. Komen Vermont-New Hampshire Race for the Cure continues to be a grassroots effort to fight breast cancer in Vermont and New Hampshire, with an estimated 75% of its proceeds dedicated to screening, education and treatment programs serving both states, and remaining funds supporting research and education nationwide through the Komen Foundation National Grant Program; and
- WHEREAS,** over \$380,000 was given this year to 13 breast cancer programs in Vermont and New Hampshire, making it possible for hundreds of underserved women to receive counseling, mammography, screening and treatment; and
- WHEREAS,** widespread public support of efforts to find the cure for breast cancer continues to be critically important;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 17-23, 2011 as

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to participate in the Susan G. Komen Vermont-New Hampshire Race for the Cure.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of July, A.D. 2011

/s/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/s/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** more than one in seven Vermonters is affected by hunger and 25,000 children are living in households where food scarcity and hunger are daily struggles; and
- WHEREAS,** hunger exacts a terrible and spiraling cost upon individuals, especially children and elders; and
- WHEREAS,** hunger is a growing problem that—directly or indirectly—affects every Vermonter; and
- WHEREAS,** the solutions to hunger begin with education, advocacy, and action within every Vermont community; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermonters have an opportunity to participate in a meaningful way that will engage the community, raise awareness, and make a tangible contribution in the fight against hunger in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the Harpoon Point to Point bicycle ride was created in 2002 to raise funds and awareness for the Vermont Foodbank’s mission to end the growing problem of hunger in Vermont;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2011 as

**RIDE TO FIGHT HUNGER DAY**

and call upon citizens of Vermont to join in the fight against hunger by participating in the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Harpoon Point to Point** to benefit the Vermont Foodbank.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19th day of July, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** 2011 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Green Mountain Youth Symphony by August Burns and Artistic Director Robert Blais; and
- WHEREAS,** the Green Mountain Youth Symphony Orchestra has been invited to represent North America at the Eurorchestries Festival in Quebec City on August 13-21—they will be joined by members of five other youth orchestras from Asia and Europe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Green Mountain Youth Symphony Orchestra has performed throughout central Vermont and the Upper Valley, including First Night Montpelier, Independence Day on the Statehouse Lawn, and Farmer’s Night; and
- WHEREAS,** having worked with many of Vermont’s finest composers, the Green Mountain Youth Symphony Orchestra has performed world premieres throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS,** the Green Mountain Youth Symphony Orchestra has expanded to five orchestras—three in Montpelier and two in the Upper Valley;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 13-21, 2011 as

**GREEN MOUNTAIN YOUTH SYMPHONY WEEK**



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19th day of July, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Robert “Bob” Matteson is the 2011 honoree for Bennington’s sixth annual Living History Day; and

**WHEREAS,** a native Benningtonian, Bob has traveled and lived all over the world and worked professionally in every state but Alaska, earning a B.A. from Middlebury College and a Ph.D. from Harvard in the process, before returning to Bennington in 1966; and

**WHEREAS,** during World War II, Bob served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Navy;

**WHEREAS,** Bob’s career in public service continued after the war as he went on to serve as a field administrator for the United States Department of Agriculture, executive director of the American Society for Public Administrators, Bennington town manager, Vermont State Planning Director, a member of the Governor’s Commission on Healthy Aging, and a representative of a wide array of local and national civic and community organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** Bob continues to dazzle his community by continually setting world, national and regional age-group records in various running events;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**ROBERT MATTESON**

and thank him for his service to his community and country.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of July, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** breastfeeding is recognized globally as a safe, sound and sustainable practice benefiting mothers, babies, and society; and
- WHEREAS,** breastfeeding protects mothers' and infants' health and is a key health promotion and disease prevention strategy; and
- WHEREAS,** increasing evidence-based breastfeeding policies and practices in health care, communities, workplaces, and child care settings will change the landscape to be more supportive of exclusive breastfeeding; and
- WHEREAS,** maternity practices in hospitals can influence breastfeeding behaviors during a period critical to successful establishment of lactation. Increasing model breastfeeding policy elements can further improve breastfeeding outcomes; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont law supports breastfeeding in public and the workplace, and 220 Vermont employers have been recognized for creating breastfeeding friendly worksites and supporting the health and wellness of their employees; and
- WHEREAS,** optimizing breastfeeding rates and duration has the potential to prevent chronic disease and illness for both mothers and babies, and are an important part of Vermont's Model for Health and Prevention; and
- WHEREAS,** many opportunities exist in Vermont to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding mothers and infants.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, do hereby proclaim August, 2011 as

**BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, AD 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, community-based providers of comprehensive primary and preventive health care offering service regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers are located in high-need areas identified as having elevated poverty, higher than average infant mortality, and where few physicians practice, providing care to 112,468 Vermonters in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers tailor services to fit the special needs and priorities of their communities and provide services in a linguistically and culturally appropriate manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers are staffed by doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and other health professionals who have chosen to serve in communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary care and preventive health services; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers help contain Vermont's overall health care costs through comprehensive preventive and primary care health services, and coordinate delivery of quality care with outreach, patient education, and other enabling services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2012 as

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage Vermonters to recognize the important contribution of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all Vermonters.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 1st day of August, A.D. 2012.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Daniel “Dan” Zimmer was born, raised and educated in Vermont, graduating from Arlington Memorial High School in 1966 and Vermont Technical College in 1968; and

**WHEREAS,** inspired by his father, the late George E. Zimmer, Dan spent 22 years in the employ of Armament Services in Burlington, Vermont and enlisted in the Army National Guard, attended Officer Candidate School, and in 1972, received a commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1991, Dan returned to Bennington and continued to put his significant technical skills to use in his job with Mack Molding Company; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout his successful civilian careers, Dan always found time to passionately serve his community as a fire fighter, actively serving in the fire departments in Essex Junction, Vermont, Ballston Spa, New York, Vergennes Vermont, and Arlington, Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** upon his return to his hometown, Dan joined the Arlington Fire Department, rising through the ranks to become fire chief in 1998 and 1999;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**DANIEL J. ZIMMER, SR.**

for exemplary service to his community, state and country.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Lodie Colvin was born, raised and educated in Bennington, graduating from Bennington High School with honors in 1966, before attending Missouri State University and graduating in 1970; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1969, Lodie married her high school classmate, James Colvin, before returning to Bennington in 1970, where she was hired by the Bennington School District as a first grade teacher; and

**WHEREAS,** Lodie has always held education in the highest regard; she acquired a masters degree while raising her two daughters, was recognized as one of Vermont's outstanding teachers through the University of Vermont, and served as state president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honorary society of women educators; and

**WHEREAS,** Lodie has always been involved in her community, and was elected to the Bennington Select Board in 1992 and served as chair for 13 years, until her retirement in 2011; during her tenure on the Select Board, she developed a reputation as a strong advocate for the vitalization of Bennington's downtown; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout her long and successful career, Lodie has been honored by a wide array of organizations including the Bennington Rotary Club, the Bennington County Regional Commission, and the Bennington Fire Department for her dedication to the betterment of the town of Bennington;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

**LODIE COLVIN**

for exemplary service to her community, state and country.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** farmers' markets offer consumers tasty, local products including fresh, high quality meats, heirloom produce, flowers, organic items, specialty cheeses, baked goods, and much more; and

**WHEREAS,** farmers' markets create an opportunity for customers to meet and interact with the farmers and producers who provide the food they are purchasing, and learn more about how their food is produced; and

**WHEREAS,** farmers' markets support our local farmers by providing additional marketing outlets and increased revenue opportunities through direct-to-consumer sales; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has more farmers' markets per capita than any other state; and

**WHEREAS,** farmers' markets support our communities by providing better access to fresh, delicious, food enhancing the local economy, attracting tourism, preserving the working landscape and creating jobs while advocating healthy eating habits;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2011 as

**FARMERS' MARKET WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** payroll professionals in Vermont play a key role in maintaining our state’s economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the state’s unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and
- WHEREAS,** payroll departments nationwide collect more than \$1.7 trillion annually complying with a myriad of federal, state and local wage tax laws; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds go toward supporting important civic projects, including roads, schools and parks in communities across Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** payroll professionals have become increasingly productive in leading initiatives that help educate citizens on key payroll-related issues facing businesses and workers in America; and
- WHEREAS,** these dedicated professionals continually strive to meet the highest standards toward improving compliance with government procedures, reducing costs and improving the overall payroll process in Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 5-9, 2011 as

**PAYROLL WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** on behalf of the citizens of Vermont, I join Nickelodeon, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, President’s Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition, and National Park Foundation in celebrating Worldwide Day of Play and in ensuring that today’s generation of kids becomes one of the healthiest; and
- WHEREAS,** part of Nickelodeon’s international, grassroots efforts is to gets kids more physically active and to encourage positive, healthy and playful lifestyles across the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** the rates of childhood obesity continue to rise at alarming rates; and
- WHEREAS,** many of today’s children and adults do not get as much exercise as they should; and
- WHEREAS,** nutritious diets and physical activity are an important component to living a healthy lifestyle and reducing disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 as

**DAY OF PLAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** native wildlife populations are an integral part of Vermont’s natural environment and an indicator of the overall health of Vermont’s statewide ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS,** each year in the United States, more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured, and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and
- WHEREAS,** the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is approximately \$8.4 billion; and
- WHEREAS,** the success of the wildlife movement in Vermont remains dependent on continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and
- WHEREAS,** wildlife watching is one of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists and Vermonters alike, providing an opportunity to enjoy Vermont’s scenic beauty while strengthening the state’s economy; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2011 as

**WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** affordable and reliable transportation can provide access to employment, education, health care, daycare, affordable housing and other opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** Good News Garage, a program of Lutheran Social Services, is working to address the need for transportation by appealing for donated cars, trucks and vans, repairing them and offering them to low-income Vermonters; and
- WHEREAS,** the Good News Garage began operations in Vermont in 1996 and today operates in all six New England States; and
- WHEREAS,** Good News Garage was one of the first programs of its kind in the country and has influenced the start-up of more than 100 similar programs, which have changed the lives of thousands of people; and
- WHEREAS,** Good News Garage has provided 4,000 reliable vehicles to people in need since 1996 and in Vermont, over 2,300 vehicles have helped transport families on the road to financial independence; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**GOOD NEWS GARAGE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 17th day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** thousands of children are being raised by grandparents and other relatives because their parents are unable to do so; and

**WHEREAS,** the grandparents and relatives unselfishly provide for and nurture children on a day-to-day basis, often from early childhood to adulthood; and

**WHEREAS,** grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives put their life plans on hold to raise children, often in unplanned circumstances; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 4-11, 2011 as

**KINSHIP CARE WEEK**

in Vermont and honor those who serve the  
children of Vermont in this capacity.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 17th day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the use of illegal and prescription drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threat to the wellbeing of America’s children; and
- WHEREAS,** 16 years of surveys conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teens eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and
- WHEREAS,** parents who are engaged in their children’s lives—through such activities as frequent family dinners—are less likely to have children who abuse substances; and
- WHEREAS,** family dinners have long contributed a substantial pillar of family life in America;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2011 as

**FAMILY DAY—A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont has a long and distinguished reputation for providing the world's marketplace with the highest quality food products; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has a long tradition of farmers' markets, high quality food related festivals, agricultural fairs, and food education and production resources; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's maple sugar farming industry embodies all of the best food and traditions that Vermont has to offer; and

**WHEREAS,** Southern Vermont has hosted thousands of food savvy visitors, and has developed a reputation as Vermont's food festival capital with such events as Bennington's Garlic and Herb Festival, the Mont Snow Region's Vermont Life Wine and Harvest Festival, Blue Festival, the Mount Snow Beer Fest, and Dover's Taste of the Deerfield Valley among many others;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2011 as

**TASTE OF THE DEERFIELD VALLEY &  
VERMONT STATE BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP FESTIVAL**

in Vermont and recognize the people at Celebrate the Valley, Inc.  
for their role in organizing these events.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** young people will be the stewards of our community, nation and world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character; and
- WHEREAS,** concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens, and the public good benefits when young people learn that character counts in personal relationships, in school and in the workplace; and
- WHEREAS,** scholars and educators agree that people do not automatically develop good character and, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made by youth-influencing institutions and individuals to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 1992, the Aspen Declaration was written by an eminent group of educators, youth leaders and ethics scholars for the purpose of articulating a coherent framework for character education appropriate to a diverse and pluralistic society; and
- WHEREAS,** the Aspen Declaration states that “The character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society; therefore, every adult has the responsibility to teach and model the core ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character”;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011 as

**CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in Vermont and the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our state and to provide additional resources that citizens of Vermont need; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to working with the Vermont Foodbank in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

**WHEREAS,** as many as 86,000 individuals in Vermont rely on food provided by members of the Vermont Foodbank annually; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Foodbank distributed more than 7.5 million pounds of food in 2010 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** food banks across the country, including the Vermont Foodbank, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention, and to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in Vermont communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Vermont this 19th day of August,  
A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** wars are being conducted overseas by courageous men and women in our Armed Forces who have unselfishly put the defense of the United States ahead of their own personal safety and comfort; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vital to the success of our troops that we show support for their service and display our pride in their accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Tee it up for the Troops was created to help support families of the fallen and the disabled members of our armed forces and their families and to honor veterans of all wars and acknowledge their sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** each year, the Friday closest to September 11 has been designated as a national day to salute all who have answered the call to duty and numerous golf courses participate in raising funds for this cause; and

**WHEREAS,** Tee it up for the Troops has the strong support of America Supports You, a nationwide program launched by the Department of Defense to recognize citizen support for our military men and women and communicate that support to members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** Tee it up for the Troops Day will continue to provide scholarships, lodging, travel, clothing, athletic programs, counseling, care packages, entertainment, and other programs that support those who serve on our behalf;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2011 as

**TEE IT UP FOR THE TROOPS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** direct support professionals, direct care workers, personal assistance, personal attendants, in-home support workers and paraprofessionals are the primary providers of publicly funded long term support and services for millions of individuals; and

**WHEREAS,** direct support professionals must build close, trusted relationships with individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** direct support professionals assist individuals with disabilities with the most intimate needs, on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS,** direct support professionals are key to allowing individuals with disabilities to live independently in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the majority of direct service professionals are employed in home and community based setting, and this trend is expected to increase over the next decade; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a documented critical and growing shortage of direct support professionals in every community throughout the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2011 as

**DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** America’s system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and
- WHEREAS,** public lands provide locally accessible nature and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and
- WHEREAS,** public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and
- WHEREAS,** shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** assisting land managers improves public lands for outdoor recreation, provides families and individuals with an opportunity to lead a more active lifestyle and reduces the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS,** an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2011 as

**PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the independent country store has been a fundamental component of the commerce, history and landscape of Vermont since its earliest days; and

**WHEREAS,** the independent country store is integral to Vermont’s individuality as reflected in its towns, villages and cities; and

**WHEREAS,** the independent country store is a year-round center for goods, news, services, information and help in times of need—often serving as the town’s center of economic and social activity; and

**WHEREAS,** the independent country store is a welcome center that contributes to the decision to visit Vermont and makes such visits rewarding; and

**WHEREAS,** the independent country store continues to contribute to a critical understanding and respect for Vermont’s heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**INDEPENDENT COUNTRY STORE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** nearly 1,700 Americans remain missing from the Vietnam War, approximately 8,000 from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold war and over 78,000 from World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** their families, friends and other concerned Americans still must deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and

**WHEREAS,** the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters are among the ranks of the missing;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2011 as

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Bulk is Green (BIG) Council is proud to be the leading national organization dedicated to increasing awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of shopping in the bulk aisle; and
- WHEREAS,** shopping in bulk offers consumers the opportunity to reduce waste by purchasing only the amount needed and decrease carbon footprints by using limited packaging; and
- WHEREAS,** shopping in bulk offers the consumer the opportunity to save money—anywhere from 30 to 70 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** the BIG Council has a goal of educating consumers about the eco-friendly and affordable nature of buying in bulk; and
- WHEREAS,** Bulk Foods Week is a time to celebrate the environmental and economic benefits of buying in bulk, as well as an opportunity to expand public knowledge of purchasing in bulk;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011 as

**BULK FOODS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September,  
A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Dick Fifield is a native Vermonter, born and raised in Pittsfield; and
- WHEREAS,** before World War II, Dick began his career in public service as a fire tower operator with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick served his country during World War II and was involved in such missions and the Normandy landings during his five campaigns in Europe with the 774<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Battalion; for his meritorious service, he was awarded a bronze star and a purple heart; and
- WHEREAS,** upon his return from the war, Dick rejoined the Department of Fish and Wildlife, ultimately serving the state for over forty years; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to his tireless service to his state and country, Dick has remained active in the community by working to preserve Vermont’s rich military history—spearheading such projects as the salvage and restoration of the priceless Proctor Cannon of the Civil War, the reestablishment of militia “Liberty Poles,” and the establishment of Vermont’s Civil War reenactment movement; and
- WHEREAS,** Dick continues to serve his community as a special adviser to the Vermont Militia Museum;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2011 as

**DICK FIFIELD DAY**

in Vermont and thank Dick for his exemplary service to his community, state and country.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermont's past is important in understanding its future; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to keep everyone informed of the importance of Vermont's cultural heritage and interested in its preservation; and
- WHEREAS,** interest in Vermont's past has never been higher with the bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the news; and
- WHEREAS,** all aspects of Vermont's history - Native American, contact and colonial periods, 19th and 20th century – are equally important and worthy of study and preservation; and
- WHEREAS,** much of Vermont's cultural heritage is not visible or recognizable above ground, requiring concerted, scientific investigation; and
- WHEREAS,** both the land and the water can yield important information about Vermont's cultural heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Department for Historic Preservation and the Vermont Archaeological Society are the agents for informing the public of Vermont's rich cultural heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Careers in Construction Day is annually designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of the construction industry and the entire construction workforce
- WHEREAS,** during this day, employers, trade associations and schools are encouraged to conduct job fairs, panel discussions, and local community events to inform students of the vast employment opportunities in construction
- WHEREAS,** the construction industry is one of our nation's largest industries, employing 5.5 million workers in July 2011 and in Vermont construction employment in July totaled 13,400
- WHEREAS,** the number of wage and salary jobs in the construction industry is expected to grow about 15 percent through the year 2012
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, annual pay of all construction workers in the United States averaged \$49,588, 7% more than the average for all private sector employees
- WHEREAS,** construction workers' pay in Vermont averaged \$41,672, 10% more than all private sector employees in the state
- WHEREAS,** we are pleased to honor the construction professional and the critical role they play in the development of our great state of Vermont
- WHEREAS,** through this unprecedented partnership, the construction industry is leading the way in providing young people career opportunities while increasing the quality of the future workforce, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Peter Shumlin, Governor of the State of Vermont, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2011 as

**CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION DAY**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to  
join in this special observance.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** long-term recovery from alcohol and drug can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted as well as their family members; and
- WHEREAS,** people who receive treatment for alcohol and drug problems can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and
- WHEREAS,** entire families are breaking the cycle of addiction and embracing recovery through treatment services and recovery support programs; and
- WHEREAS,** real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of their families, and the entire community; and
- WHEREAS,** although thousands of Vermonters entered drug and alcohol treatment last year, many more may be in need of support and encouragement; and
- WHEREAS,** while emotional and financial barriers to accessing treatment facilities may be obstacles for some people with drug and alcohol dependency, Vermont continues to expand treatment options and recovery services; and
- WHEREAS,** to help achieve this goal, the Vermont Department of Health, along with the federal government and nonprofits including Friends of Recovery—Vermont ask all Vermonters to participate in Recovery Month;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**RECOVERY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Guardians of the Ribbon Inc. is a national non-profit organization consisting of firefighters, police officers and leaders in the community, whose sole purpose is raising awareness for the fight against cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** in September 2007, Guardians of the Ribbon Inc. began the *Pink Heals Tour*, encouraging public safety professionals, local leaders and citizens throughout the community to wear pink in honor of all women and to join forces to help them in their fight against cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the spirit of this campaign is to fight for those who have lost the ability to fight for themselves, asking for public support and raising understanding and awareness to all citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** anything is possible when good people devote themselves to a cause that does so much good and benefits so many; and
- WHEREAS,** the “Cares Enough to Wear Pink” campaign honors all women and recognizes the need to come together as a collective group and help with the fight against cancer, reminding future generations that people who are not affected by an illness can come together for those who are;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim this October 25-27, 2011 as

**CARES ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK DAYS**

in Vermont and an encourage all Vermonters to observe this tradition by wearing pink to show support, hope and courage to all women battling cancer.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

- WHEREAS,** established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited is the world’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America’s continually disappearing waterfowl habitats; and
- WHEREAS,** Ducks Unlimited is a grassroots volunteer-based organization whose 650,000 members are active in all 50 states, including over 3,000 members in Vermont, as conservationists, sportsmen and women, and outdoor enthusiasts; and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of Ducks Unlimited is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people; and
- WHEREAS,** the work done by Ducks Unlimited has utilized the best scientific information, best engineering technology and best restoration practices available in a cooperative approach preserving, conserving and restoring the state’s wetlands for viable and sustainable habitat; and
- WHEREAS,** the members and volunteers of Ducks Unlimited continue to work to improve wetland- related communication, education and public awareness in the matters of water and land management, sustainable use and cultural values;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the members, board of directors and volunteers of

**DUCKS UNLIMITED**



for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

- WHEREAS,** since 1955, when it was purchased by Dan Fraser and Whit Hicks, Dan and Whit’s has continued to serve the town of Norwich as the center of commerce and community activity; and
- WHEREAS,** the building that now houses Dan and Whit’s has been in continuous use since 1891, when L.K. Merrill opened a general store, selling groceries and hardware; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to being a general store, the Dan and Whit’s building has served as a post office, a harness shop, and “Union Hall,” in which town meetings were held from 1891-1939; and
- WHEREAS,** Dan and Whit’s remains a family business run, since 1992, by Dan Fraser’s sons, George and Jack and their children; and
- WHEREAS,** today, Dan and Whit’s provides essential on-the-job training Norwich youth and rewarding careers for the extraordinary fulltime staff members, many of whom have been with the Dan and Whit’s family for decades; and
- WHEREAS,** the slogan “if we don’t have it, you don’t need it” is indicative of the extensive selection and first-rate customer service found at Dan and Whit’s;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the people of

**DAN AND WHIT’S**

for serving as the community hub for over 55 years and offering a unique country store experience and a one-of-a-kind selection of products.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the health and wellness of our citizens is a primary concern of the State of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** reducing obesity and diet-related diseases by promoting safe and healthy diets is a critical factor in improving citizens' overall health; and
- WHEREAS,** supporting sustainable family farms and local agriculture benefits the state's economy; and
- WHEREAS,** obtaining fair pay and safe conditions for food and farm workers, so that the food we produce and consume is safe and fair for all, is beneficial for both the producer and consumer; and
- WHEREAS,** expanding access to food and ending hunger is of critical importance to and those who live in food deserts; and
- WHEREAS,** protecting the environment and farm animals is necessary to sustain future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2011 as

**FOOD DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** a woman receives the diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making it the most frequently diagnosed disease among women in the United States, other than skin cancers; and
- WHEREAS,** through research and advocacy, significant advances have been made in the fight against breast cancer, including in five-year relative survival rates for localized breast cancer from 74 percent to 98 percent; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States today are a testament to courage, as well as to the importance of promoting awareness about breast cancer, providing information, funding research, following recommended screening guidelines, and offering treatment to those affected; and
- WHEREAS,** the efforts of various organizations have made a major contribution to spreading breast cancer awareness to both women and men in all communities in Vermont through outreach, education and screening programs, and have empowered women with the life-saving knowledge of the importance of early detection and yearly mammograms; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to following recommended screening guidelines and to make a mammogram appointment; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout October, organizations and health practitioners in Vermont are encouraged to use this opportunity to promote awareness about breast cancer and proper breast health, and to encourage annual mammograms;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Vermonters believe in the enduring value of handmade craft and celebrate the artists and craftspeople who make Vermont unique; and
- WHEREAS,** settlers came to Vermont in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, bringing their skills in furniture making, pottery, weaving, metalsmithing and glassblowing; and
- WHEREAS,** these crafts helped build Vermont's economic base and continue to contribute to its reputation and success; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont acknowledges its appreciation to the craftspeople who have enriched the lives of people throughout the United States and abroad; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to embrace and celebrate the creativity of all Vermonters;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

**AMERICAN CRAFT MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** Charles Ross Taggart was born in 1871 and grew up in Topsham before living in Newbury for many years; and
- WHEREAS,** as a jack of all trades, Taggart farmed, taught school, and repaired watches before becoming a professional entertainer in the mid 1890s;
- WHEREAS,** with famous characters known as “the Old Country Fiddler” and “the Man from Vermont,” Taggart was a musical humorist, traveling all over the United States in various Lyceum and Chautauqua tours, and eventually becoming a mainstay with the world famous Redpath Bureau of Chicago; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1923, Taggart became one of the first talking motion picture stars, appearing in a phono-film created by his former classmate, Dr. Lee de Forest; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout his illustrious career, Taggart produced over 40 recordings on labels such as Victor, Edison, and Columbia; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1938, Taggart retired from the entertainment industry, one year after suffering a stroke on stage; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1953, Taggart died in Kents Hill, Maine;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2011 as

**CHARLES ROSS TAGGART DAY**

in Vermont and recognize Mr. Taggart for his contributions to the Green Mountain State.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** more than two-thirds of visually impaired adults in the United States are over 65 years of age and the prevalence of blindness increases rapidly in later years, particularly after age 75; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 20.5 million Americans ages 40 and over are afflicted with cataracts, which is the leading cause of blindness in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the number of Americans with age-related eye disease is expected to double within the next three decades according to Eye Care America, the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 37 million people are blind and 124 million severely visually impaired worldwide, and it is estimated that a child goes blind every minute; and
- WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization estimates that 75 percent of all blindness can be treated, cured or prevented by highly cost effective means; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

**BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage citizens to take the necessary precautions to prevent blindness.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** America has been defined, in part, by its heroes; and

**WHEREAS,** America’s human heroes and first responders have been well served by search and rescue dogs, law enforcement and arson detection dogs, and military dogs that risk their own lives to save human ones by detecting bombs and other explosives—with loyalty and courage and

**WHEREAS,** service dogs, trained to help people with disabilities, have worked tirelessly and obediently to assist their owners; and

**WHEREAS,** some of America’s pet dogs—though untrained in service skills—continually perform extraordinary acts of kindness, comfort, or service in innovative roles;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as

**HERO DOG DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** over the past several decades, cars, traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads travelled every day have changed; and
- WHEREAS,** even the most experienced drivers can benefit from driving refresher courses; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2008, there were 32 million licensed older drivers in the United States—a 20 percent increase since 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** most traffic fatalities involving older drivers in 2009 occurred during the daytime (81%), on weekdays (71%), and involved another driver (69%); and
- WHEREAS,** in 2009, 25.4 percent of traffic fatalities in Vermont were people over the age of 65—as opposed to 15.6 percent nationally; and
- WHEREAS,** by enrolling refresher programs such as AARP’s Driver Safety Course, seniors can learn to accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time, and take proactive steps toward keeping themselves and Vermont’s roads safer;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2011 as

**SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** throughout this country's existence, the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States have served as the principal instrument in preserving liberty; and

**WHEREAS,** today, there are approximately 22.7 million living American veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** all veterans must be treated with honor and respect in life and in death; and

**WHEREAS,** the Veterans Remembered Flag memorializes and honors all past, current and future veterans and provides an enduring symbol to support tomorrow's veterans today;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the

**VETERANS REMEMBERED FLAG**

and thank all of Vermont's veterans for their exemplary service to community and country.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** African immigrants have made significant contributions in every area of American life including the arts, health, education, community service and public policy; and

**WHEREAS,** raising awareness about African immigrant health is crucial to effectively fighting health disparities and building a network African immigrants and refugee health advocates, who disseminate culturally sensitive information to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2011 as

**AFRICAN IMMIGRANT HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** our deployed service members have courageously answered our nation's call to service by defending our freedoms on foreign lands; and

**WHEREAS,** Americans are encouraged to reaffirm their patriotism and allegiance to our flag and country, and honor the brave men and women currently deployed to protect and preserve our way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** since 2006, Soldier's Angels has honored our deployed heroes with a day set aside in recognition of their hard work, dedication and commitment to the United States of America;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2011 as

**DAY OF THE DEPLOYED**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Forest Service is celebrating the centennial of a land-mark environmental law authored by former U.S. Representative John W. Weeks of Massachusetts known as the Weeks Act; and

**WHEREAS,** the Weeks Act signifies one of the most important natural resource conservation achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, leading to the creation of nearly 20 million acres of national forest lands in the eastern United States, including the 400,000 acre Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** the Weeks Act also established cooperation between the State of Vermont and the U.S. Forest Service to protect forests and watersheds from fire, flooding, deforestation and other threats; and

**WHEREAS,** the Weeks Act continues to inspire Green Mountain National Forest programs that promote forest restoration, reduce wild fire risk, improve fish and wildlife habitats, enhance recreational opportunities and maintain and improve water quality; and by doing so, rural economies are supported by the creation of sustainable jobs as our Green Mountain landscapes are made more resilient to climate change.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

and thank those who have worked to conserve and steward the Green Mountain National Forest on this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Weeks Act.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS** Vermont is enriched by artists who live among its citizens as neighbors, colleagues and friends; and
- WHEREAS** the State of Vermont has as a matter of policy, supported the creative output of its diversity of artists for more than two generations; and
- WHEREAS** Vermont has a rich poetic tradition and throughout its history has been home to numerous nationally and internationally recognized poets; and
- WHEREAS** it is appropriate for the State of Vermont to recognize and promote poets and poetry as one of the many artistic disciplines that enhance Vermont's quality of life; and
- WHEREAS** in 1988, the Vermont Arts Council and the Governor of the State of Vermont established a Poet Laureate Advisory Panel to establish the criteria for selecting a Vermont Poet Laureate; and
- WHEREAS** Sydney Lea is a writer of worldwide recognition and author of several poetry books and has lived in Vermont since the early 1990's; and
- WHEREAS** Sydney Lea has received fellowships from the Rockefeller, Fulbright, and Guggenheim Foundations, the 1998 Poet's Prize, and was one of three finalists for the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for poetry; and
- WHEREAS** Sydney Lea co-founded the literary quarterly *New England Review* in 1977, oversaw its move to the Bread Loaf Writers Conference at Middlebury College, and edited this esteemed journal until 1989; and
- WHEREAS** Sydney Lea has also been a dedicated teacher at many distinguished institutions such as Dartmouth, Yale, Wesleyan, Vermont and Middlebury Colleges as well as Franklin College in Switzerland and the National Hungarian University in Budapest; and
- WHEREAS** Sydney Lea has engaged readers with his work's dramatic intensity, narrative momentum, and musicality, and because of his

extraordinarily evocative descriptions of northern New England's landscapes, animal and plant life, and the seasonal panorama, and his attention to the stories of generations living alongside one another in north-country villages;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim that



**Sydney Lea**

shall serve as the Poet Laureate of Vermont for the period of 2011-2015.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of September, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** technology plays a vital role in our daily lives and in the future of our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of the Internet at the primary and secondary school levels in Vermont enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and
- WHEREAS,** Internet users and information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and
- WHEREAS,** the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online; and
- WHEREAS,** maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Vermont information infrastructure and economy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 3rd Day of October, A.D. 2011.

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** in 1967, the Vermont Arts Council and the Governor of the State of Vermont established a Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts; and
- WHEREAS,** it was decreed that the award was to be presented from time to time to a Vermont artist who has achieved great distinction in a chosen field and is recognized nationally for artistic excellence; and
- WHEREAS,** Julia Alvarez has achieved national and international acclaim as a writer of novels, poetry, essays, children's books, and adolescent fiction; and
- WHEREAS,** Julia Alvarez uses her personal experiences growing up in both the Dominican Republic and the United States to write about the cultural contrasts between the two countries and about the issues of assimilation and the cultural expectations of women; and
- WHEREAS,** Julia Alvarez has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Ingram Merrill Foundation, the Lamont Prize from The American Academy of Poets, the Third Women Press Award, a General Electric Foundation Award, the PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Literary Award, two Belpre Medals, and the Hispanic Heritage Award in Literature; and
- WHEREAS,** Julia Alvarez has been writer-in-residence for Middlebury College as well as for the Kentucky Arts Commission where she realized her love of teaching and continued her involvement in education in several states and also gives readings and lectures across the country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont, do hereby proclaim that

**JULIA ALVAREZ**

is the recipient of the Vermont Arts Council's  
2011 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, AD 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

**WHEREAS,** *Lights On Afterschool*, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 20, 2011, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 28 million children in the United States have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2011 as

**LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, AD 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organization; and

**WHEREAS,** today, there are over 1.2 million Rotary Club members in the United States and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1985, Rotary International launched PolioPlus and spearheaded the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to immunize the children of the world against polio; and

**WHEREAS,** polio cases have dropped by 99 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease; and

**WHEREAS,** to date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than 2 billion children in 122 countries; and

**WHEREAS,** Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and

**WHEREAS,** these efforts continue to provide much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents; and

**WHEREAS,** there are more than 1,000 Rotary club members throughout Vermont sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2011 as

**WORLD POLIO DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to join Rotary International in the fight for a polio-free world.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, AD 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education, International Education Week was first held in 2000 and today is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** International Education Week celebrates the thousands of public and private programs—including study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, international students on American campuses, foreign language and culture studies, and global approaches to education—that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across national borders; and
- WHEREAS,** by participating in such programs, Vermont’s youth develop a greater appreciation and respect for other cultures, helping to break down barriers and build understanding and cooperation; and
- WHEREAS,** as the world continues to become more interconnected, improving global literacy among our citizens contributes to America’s standing around the world and enhances our global competitiveness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2011 as

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens and educational institutions to recognize the importance of international education.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of October, AD 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** October 30, 2011 marks National Weatherization Day as proclaimed by the US Department of Energy; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has a long-standing commitment to conserving energy and helping low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the high cost of energy has a major impact on low-income households in Vermont, making the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital resource to many, especially during these difficult economic times; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, the Weatherization Assistance Program helped approximately 1,722 Vermont households save fuel and money by improving the energy efficiency of their homes, and expects to assist a similar number of Vermont households this year; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont delivers the Weatherization Assistance Program in partnership with five community agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize programs that help ensure all residents — particularly older Vermonters, people with disabilities, and families with children — have the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, and energy efficient homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2011 as

**NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the Vermonters we know as American Indians and Native Americans were the first inhabitants of this state; and
- WHEREAS,** mountains and valleys, lakes and rivers, trails and roads, schools, towns and businesses across the great state of Vermont bear indigenous names, serving as lasting reminders of the presence and the significance of Native Americans not just in our geography but also throughout the whole of Vermont's history; and
- WHEREAS,** Native Americans have played a vital role in the life of our state, and their many contributions have enhanced the culture, uniqueness, freedom, and greatness of Vermont today; and
- WHEREAS,** many Vermonters are descendants of the tribes that are indigenous to our state, including the Nulhegan, Elnu, Koasek, Missisquoi, Coosuk, and Sokoki; and
- WHEREAS,** many Indigenous Peoples of the Western Hemisphere have come to be residents of the State of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the Nulhegan and Elnu tribes are recognized by the State of Vermont, and these and other tribal communities maintain the history, culture, lifestyles, and unique heritage of the Native American people of the Green Mountain State; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont Native Americans have served with valor and distinction in wartime, and their artistic, entrepreneurial, and other skills have truly enriched our heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter E. Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

In Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of November, A.D. 2010



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

**WHEREAS,** NET cancer patients are often misdiagnosed or receive a delayed diagnosis, which can have a negative impact on their chance of survival and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS,** although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients benefit quickly enough from scientific and medical progress in the field; and

**WHEREAS,** with timely diagnosis and proper treatment, NET cancer patients can have significantly improved outcomes and quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2011 as

**NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

In Vermont and encourage patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, as well as the wider community, to join with us as we work together to raise awareness about NET cancers and the need for timely diagnosis and access to optimal treatment.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011.



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** rural communities in Vermont and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to and respect each other and work together to benefit their community; and
- WHEREAS,** rural citizens possess a creative, community-minded spirit; and
- WHEREAS,** meeting the unique health care needs of those citizens is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of health care providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20 percent of the nation's population lives but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur; and
- WHEREAS,** rural hospitals – in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care – are also typically the economic foundation of their communities, with every dollar spent generating about \$2.20 for the local economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Vermont Office of Rural Health & Primary Care and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique health care needs of our rural citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2011 as

**RURAL HEALTH DAY**

in Vermont and encourage citizens to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work; and



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** on July 21, 2007, Operation Tribute was formed to provide a holiday gift to each participating child of military families; and

**WHEREAS,** Operation Tribute acquired, gift-wrapped, and individually distributed over 32,000 holiday gifts to military children—including 4,100 in Vermont—in over 825 cities and towns nationwide in 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** 98 percent of funds raised were used for the acquisition and distribution of these gifts; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to recognize and commend the sacrifices and bravery of children of servicemen and women; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 2011 as

**OPERATION TRIBUTE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the building that houses the Ainsworth Public Library was built as a private home in 1833 by Enoch Howe, a blacksmith and prominent citizen in the Williamstown community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamstown Social Library, the town's first library, was formed in 1801, and books were circulated at quarterly auctions held at general stores, the town hall, and private homes; and

**WHEREAS,** over the following century, the Williamstown Social Library was joined by a second library, the Free Public Library; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1911, Laura B. Ainsworth, the owner of the Howe House, donated the building along with interest from a \$2,000 fund for the establishment of a single library under town control, comprised of the consolidated collections of both previous libraries; and

**WHEREAS,** today, the Ainsworth Public Library provides the citizens of Williamstown with a first-class children's room, Wi-Fi accessibility, public computer access, and a large biography section;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2011 as

**AINSWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** the River Valley Human Resource Association, a Vermont chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, is celebrating its tenth anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** Society for Human Resource Management is a national organization representing more than 150,000 human resource professionals around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the River Valley Human Resource Association serves human resource professionals in the Connecticut River Valley and the Northeast Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS,** the objectives of the River Valley Human Resource Association are: to provide an opportunity for networking and interchange of ideas, to advance the human resource profession, to offer an opportunity for growth and leadership to our membership, to compile an annual Upper Valley compensation survey, and to provide monthly programs in an effort to promote professional development;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend

**THE RIVER VALLEY HUMAN RESOURCE ASSOCIATION**

and congratulate its members on ten years of membership  
in the Society for Human Resource Management.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, A.D. 2011

/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

- WHEREAS,** the Town of Rutland was chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth of the Province of New Hampshire on September 7, 1761 and was named after John Manners, 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Rutland; and
- WHEREAS,** the original charter contained 64 grantees, including 500 acres for Governor Wentworth himself; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1886, the old town was divided, when Proctor and West Rutland split from Rutland to become separate towns, and in 1892, the City of Rutland was chartered; and
- WHEREAS,** the Rutland Historical Society serves the geographic area of the old town; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 4, 2011, Rutland Town celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to recognize Rutland's historical and present contributions to the State of Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the

**TOWN OF RUTLAND**

on this monumental occasion.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor