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A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has designated January 2013 as National Volunteer Blood Donor Month; and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** every two seconds someone in America needs blood, the American Red Cross relies on a committed corps of volunteer blood donors;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim January 2013 as

**BLOOD DONOR MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

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**WHEREAS**, dating violence is a pattern of behavior involving the use or attempted use of physical, sexual, verbal, emotional, financial, technological, or other abusive behavior by a person to harm, coerce, control, threaten, intimidate, harass, isolate, restrain or monitor another person with whom they have or have had a social relationship involving a physical, sexual, or emotional component; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three girls in the United States will experience physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner by the time she graduates high school, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control reports nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year; and

**WHEREAS**, a third (32%) of homicides of girls between the ages of 11 and 18 are committed by an intimate partner; and

**WHEREAS**, over 50% of youth reporting both dating violence and rape have attempted suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, despite frighteningly high numbers of reports of dating violence, two-thirds of young victims never report being abused; and

**WHEREAS**, adolescent girls in physically abusive relationships are 3.5 times more likely to become pregnant than non-abused girls; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes great courage for all victims of abuse to speak out, but lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youth face the concern of being re-victimized by those that they turn to for help as friends, family members and service providers can leave victims of same-sex dating violence feeling isolated and unwanted; and

**WHEREAS**, the silence surrounding teen dating violence leads 81% of parents to either believe teen dating violence is not a problem or to admit they do not know if it is one, even though one in four students, ages 11-14, see physical abuse as a serious problem for couples in their age group; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise awareness among communities and to provide training for teachers, counselors, and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing young people with education about building healthy relationships, how to recognize early warning signs violence and abuse and how to seek help, by providing safe environments for discussion, and by changing the attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, A.D. 2013.



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**WHEREAS,** there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, 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,** while approximately 340 orphan drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases affecting between 11 and 14 million people according to the Food and Drug Administration, that leaves well over 15 million Americans with rare diseases who have no treatment specific to their disease; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** some rare diseases, such as "Lou Gehrig's disease" and Huntington's disease, are relatively well known, many others are not known at all by the public so that patients and their families must bear a large share of the burden for things such as raising funds for research; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of residents of Vermont are among those affected by rare diseases; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2013 as

**RARE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



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

**WHEREAS,** every year 40,000 babies are born in the United States with Congenital Heart Defects; and

**WHEREAS,** some Congenital Heart Defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth; and

**WHEREAS,** undiagnosed Congenital Heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes; and

**WHEREAS,** despite these statistics, newborns and young athletes are not routinely screened for Congenital Heart Defects; and

**WHEREAS,** it is crucial that parents, pediatricians, and all those in the health profession have greater awareness of the potential for congenital heart defects among newborn babies; and

**WHEREAS,** the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2013 as

**CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont.



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**WHEREAS,** pets provide companionship to more than 71,000,000 households in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** humane societies and animal shelters have to put down more than four million cats, dogs, rabbits and other animals each year, many of whom are healthy and adoptable, due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** this tragic overpopulation of pets costs citizens and taxpayers of this country millions of dollars annually through animal service programs aimed at coping with the millions of homeless animals; and

**WHEREAS,** spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the overpopulation of pets and feral cats, proving to be a wise investment in saving animal lives and taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to ensure the spaying or neutering of more than 48,000 pets and feral cats through "Spay Day™" in the United States in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and feral cats on "Spay Day™ 2013":

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February, 2013 as

**SPAY/NEUTER MONTH**

**AND,** I further proclaim February 26, 2013 as

**SPAY DAY**

in Vermont and call upon all citizens to join in this observation by having their own pets spayed or neutered.



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**WHEREAS,** the world has been transformed by technology, making modern life more efficient, accessible, richer, and faster; and

**WHEREAS,** the global economy demands that the United States have a highly trained workforce in order to compete; and

**WHEREAS,** education has yet to have captured the potential that effective use of technology can offer in providing new ways for improved and personalized instruction for students; and

**WHEREAS,** when utilized correctly, the infusion of digital learning and the effective use of technology in schools can help personalize and improve the learning of every child; and

**WHEREAS,** the second annual Digital Learning Day will occur on February 6, 2013, in order to educate teachers, students, parents, policymakers, and the public on ways to successfully integrate digital learning and the effective use of technology into the classroom, to help improve the learning experience of every student;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2013 as

**DIGITAL LEARNING DAY**

in Vermont.



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**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 3-9, 2013 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.



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**WHEREAS,** Gum Disease Awareness Month is an annual health-promotion event directed at helping people make lifelong improvements in their health and quality of life by sharing information and spreading awareness with a key message of encouragement to take an active role in preventing gum disease with simple tools and habit changes; and

**WHEREAS,** mounting university research indicates gum disease is a possible precursor to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, some cancers and even stillbirths; and

**WHEREAS,** between 74-85% of Americans suffer some degree of gum disease but less than half are aware of it-building awareness can improve community health and prevent serious health consequences; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has committed to providing reliable oral health information including how to prevent and treat gum disease because protecting and promoting the oral health, and in turn, the overall health, of the people in this community is in the best interest of the individual people and the community as a whole; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate that a month should be set aside each year for the direction of our thoughts toward the health and well-being of our community, empowering a healthier community to be happier and more productive and to devote more resources and energy to positive contributions to Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** in the interest of public health, Vermont considers it a priority to educate its citizenry about the advanced treatment options that can help them address the symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated; and

**WHEREAS,** Gum Disease Awareness Month supports community health by disseminating important information and the tips and tools to empower citizens to make powerful improvements to their health and the health of their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as

**GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH  
in Vermont.**



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Peter Shumlin  
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**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 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 17-23, 2013 as

**ENGINEERS WEEK**

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



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**WHEREAS,** all Vermont citizens should be made aware of the dangers posed by potentially poisonous common household substances; and

**WHEREAS** our children too often have access to commonly used drugs and medicines and to potentially toxic household products such as cleaners, polishes, paint solvents and antifreeze; and

**WHEREAS** poisons and improper use of household products (such as inhalant abuse) pose a persistent danger to Vermont and all communities should be made aware of the potential harm of these substances; and

**WHEREAS** studies indicate that six percent of eighth graders have abused inhalants and that abuse can begin as early as third grade, and inhalant abuse can be disabling and or cause sudden death; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern New England Poison Center is an integral part of the emergency medical care system in Vermont and is recognized for its contributions to poison treatment; and

**WHEREAS** nearly 46% of the 5,058 Vermont poisonings reported to the Northern New England Poison Center in 2012 involved children less than six years of age and could have been prevented;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 17-23, 2013 as

**POISON AND INHALANT PREVENTION WEEK**

in Vermont.



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**WHEREAS**, recent history has shown that flooding is Vermont's greatest natural hazard to the citizens, landscape and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, whether the cause is due to snowmelt and rainfall that occur each winter and early spring, including record Lake Champlain flooding in 2011; or

**WHEREAS**, the Montpelier Ice Jam Flood of 1992, demonstrated the unpredictability of ice jams and the considerable property damage and life threatening flood conditions that they can produce; and

**WHEREAS**, heavy rain producing thunderstorms results in flash flooding during the late spring and summer such as the Route 2 corridor between Montpelier and Lunenburg in May 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, a tropical system, like Irene in 2011, can produce widespread heavy rainfall resulting in historical, devastating, life threatening and landscape altering flooding during the summer and fall; and

**WHEREAS**, NOAA's National Weather Service maintains a dedicated vigilance for threatening weather and flood hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, through partnerships with Local and state agencies, NOAA's National Weather Service is constantly striving to improve its weather warning services and preparedness education for the citizens of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, in the best tradition of public service, NOAA's National Weather Service and Vermont's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security encourages all Vermonters to be aware of the year-round flood hazards in Vermont, and be prepared before and during periods of hazardous weather;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 18-22, 2013 as

**FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont and thank NOAA for their tireless work  
in ensuring we are properly prepared for flooding events.



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**WHEREAS,** Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's disease; and

**WHEREAS,** as of 2013, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

**WHEREAS,** symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include tremor, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems, dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety, constipation, skin problems, and sleep disruptions; and

**WHEREAS,** medications mask some symptoms of Parkinson's disease for a limited amount of time each day, often with dose-limiting side-effects; and

**WHEREAS,** ultimately the medications and treatments lose their effectiveness, generally after 4 to 8 years, leaving the person unable to move, speak, or swallow; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease;

**WHEREAS,** increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease; and

**WHEREAS,** there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and recognize the people living with Parkinson's who participate  
in vital clinical trials to advance our knowledge of this disease



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**WHEREAS,** food is the substance by which life is sustained; and

**WHEREAS,** the type, quality, and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; and

**WHEREAS,** there is a need for continuing nutrition education and a wide-scale effort to enhance healthy eating practices;

**WHEREAS,** Registered Dietitians are the food and nutrition experts who can translate the science of nutrition into practical solutions for healthy living; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Dietitians have degrees in nutrition, dietetics, public health or a related field from well-respected, accredited colleges and universities, completed an internship and passed an examination; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Dietitians use their nutrition expertise to help individuals make unique, positive lifestyle changes; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Dietitians work throughout the community in hospitals, schools, public health clinics, nursing homes, fitness centers, food management, food industry, universities, research and private practice; and

**WHEREAS,** Registered Dietitians are advocates for advancing the nutritional status of Americans and people around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

**NUTRITION MONTH**

**AND,** I further proclaim March 21, 2013 as

**REGISTERED DIETITIAN DAY**

in Vermont.

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**WHEREAS,** Chiari malformations are structural defects in the cerebellum, the part of the brain that controls balance; and

**WHEREAS,** Chiari malformations may develop when the bony space is smaller than normal, causing the cerebellum and brain stem to be pushed downward into the foramen magnum and into the upper spinal canal. The resulting pressure on the cerebellum and brain stem may affect functions controlled by these areas and block the flow of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) — the clear liquid that surrounds and cushions the brain and spinal cord — to and from the brain; and

**WHEREAS,** in the past, it was estimated that the condition occurs in about one in every 1,000 births. However, the increased use of diagnostic imaging has shown that Chiari malformation may be much more common. Complicating this estimation is the fact that some children who are born with the condition may not show symptoms until adolescence or adulthood, if at all; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals with Chiari malformations may experience neck pain, balance problems, muscle weakness, numbness or other abnormal feelings in the arms or legs, dizziness, vision problems, difficulty swallowing, ringing or buzzing in the ears, hearing loss, vomiting, insomnia, depression, or headache made worse by coughing or straining. Hand coordination and fine motor skills may be affected. Symptoms may change for some individuals, depending on the buildup of CSF and resulting pressure on the tissues and nerves; and

**WHEREAS,** surgery is the only treatment available to correct functional disturbances or halt the progression of damage to the central nervous system; and

**WHEREAS,** within the Federal government, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), supports and conducts research on brain and nervous system disorders, including Chiari malformations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

**CHIARI MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund provides free summer experiences in the country to more than 9,000 New York City children each summer; and

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

**WHEREAS,** Vermont families have been participating in The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program for over 130 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund allows New York City children to enjoy Vermont backyards, parks, and wide open spaces; and

**WHEREAS,** the Fresh Air Fund is celebrating its 137th summer;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2013 as

**FRESH AIR FUND DAY**

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



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Turner syndrome is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in every 2,500 live female births; and

**WHEREAS,** earlier diagnosis will help these girls and women get a complete cardiac screening; and

**WHEREAS,** risk for aortic dissection is increased by more than 100-fold in young and middle-aged women with Turner syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals with Turner syndrome have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder, and in school and work these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention; and

**WHEREAS,** a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for turner syndrome research and support; and

**WHEREAS,** with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with Turner syndrome can live a happy, healthy life; and

**WHEREAS,** Turner Syndrome Awareness Month provides the opportunity to share experiences and information in order to raise public information about Turner syndrome;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 2013 as

**TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** for the past 100 years, the United States Department of Labor has fostered, promoted, and developed the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of this country; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Labor has continually sought to make the American workplace safer, healthier and fairer for everyone; and

**WHEREAS,** working families in the State of Vermont, across the country, and across the world have benefitted from the United States Department of Labor's efforts to assure work-related benefits and rights, including the right to be paid fairly for every hour labored; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Labor has evolved to meet the changing needs of a changing workforce by partnering with employers, community organizations and institutions of higher learning to improve job training, provide lifelong learning opportunities and advance efforts for profitable employment; and

**WHEREAS,** the impact of the United States Department of Labor has reached outside the confines of the workplace, touching people's lives at all stages, by allowing parents to take leave and tend to loved ones; training veterans and young people for the careers of a lifetime; and guaranteeing the pensions of retired workers; and

**WHEREAS,** the inestimable value of the services provided by the United States Department of Labor will remain of paramount importance to the well-being of all Americans and that it will address tomorrow's conditions, and meet the needs of future workers with the same insight, foresight and passion it has shown for the past century;

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

**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

for its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 4, 2013.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** 600,000 to 700,000 persons in the United States are projected to have Lynch syndrome, however less than 5% are currently diagnosed; and

**WHEREAS,** Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early age. The risk includes up 80% for colorectal cancer and a 60% risk of endometrial cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** on average, approximately 311 citizens of Vermont are annually diagnosed with colorectal cancer, of which almost 62 (20%) cancers are projected to be the result of familial or hereditary conditions, including Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** annually in Vermont, approximately 126 women are projected to be diagnosed with endometrial cancer. Three to seven percent of these cancers are projected to be a result of Lynch syndrome and many of these cancers can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals diagnosed with Lynch syndrome face a high risk of other cancers including ovarian cancer, gastric tract cancers, hepatobiliary cancers, renal pelvic cancers, bladder cancers, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, skin cancer, brain cancer and, in some subsets, breast cancer. Many of these cancers are often preventable with annual cancer screenings; and

**WHEREAS,** assessment of family medical history of cancers and universal testing of colorectal and uterine tumors for characteristics of Lynch syndrome may prompt genetic testing; and

**WHEREAS,** a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, polyps and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening cancers; and

**WHEREAS,** many families in Vermont will be protected and lives saved as a result of a diagnosis of Lynch syndrome and/or other hereditary and familial cancers;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2013 as

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER PUBLIC AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to learn their family histories of cancer and discuss it with their physicians in order to protect families and save lives from hereditary cancers.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** mental illness, addictions and co-occurring conditions affect millions of individuals as well as their concerned families and friends, and

**WHEREAS,** serious mental illness affects one in every four people annually; and

**WHEREAS,** more than twenty-three million adults once had drug or alcohol problems, but no longer do; and

**WHEREAS,** people living with these conditions need help and hope, including a community that supports them, their families and their recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these sometimes chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's mental health and addiction recovery organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the need for access to prevention, treatment and peer-based recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's "Recovery Day and Mental Health Advocacy Day" is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental illness and addiction are conditions that respond well to proper and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2013 as

**RECOVERY DAY AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the public and private community is well served by increased awareness in the area of wellness education and improving the responsibility and opportunity of Vermont's citizenry; and

**WHEREAS,** promoting transparency in decision-making leads to better informed and healthier citizens, making an effort towards seeking experts who are committed to helping improve individuals' health and create a culture of health and wellness within organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** by offering employees choices and empowering them to make more informed, responsible, and cost-conscious decisions about their lifestyle and healthcare, employers can create a healthier, stronger, more productive workforce; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate that all Vermont citizens become empowered and are encouraged in their health and wellness endeavors to become informed and take responsibility;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 25-29, 2013 as

**CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize and honor those Vermonters who volunteer, donate blood, take life-saving courses or provide financial support to advance the noble mission of the American Red Cross; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross in Vermont works tirelessly to help when disaster strikes, when someone needs lifesaving blood, or to provide the comfort of a helping hand; and

**WHEREAS,** the 24-hour a day support provided by the American Red Cross to members of the military, veterans and their families is an extension of our own thanks and appreciation for those honorable Vermonters; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 120 times a year, compassionate Red Cross volunteers respond to disaster in our state, enabling hundreds, if not thousands, of Vermonters to start their road to recovery; and

**WHEREAS,** at close to 900 blood drives annually, selfless donors give over 45,000 units of blood, helping the American Red Cross to collect and distribute about 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; and

**WHEREAS,** Red Cross trained instructors teach first aid, CPR, water safety and other live-saving skills to thousands of Vermonters each year; and

**WHEREAS,** the work of the Red Cross creates a better prepared, safer and healthier Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont depends upon the American Red Cross, which relies upon donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 2013 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.



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Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945—six million Jews were murdered; Roma (Gypsies), people with disabilities, and Poles were also targeted for destruction or decimation for racial, ethnic, or national reasons; and millions more, including homosexuals, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents, also suffered grievous oppression and death under Nazi tyranny; and

**WHEREAS,** the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

**WHEREAS,** the people of Vermont will 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 for the people of the Vermont to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, April 7, through Sunday, April 14, 2013, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 8, 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 7-14, 2013 as

**DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE**

in Vermont in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Vermont on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the diagnosis of many esophageal cancers has remained steady or declined, certain types of esophageal cancer diagnoses have increased in the United States in the past 20 years; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer has low survival rates because it is usually discovered at advanced stages when prognosis is poor; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer in the U.S. can be caused by persistent heartburn or gastro esophageal reflux disease (GERD), yet many who are at risk are unaware of the potential danger GERD can present when it occurs over time; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer can be a silent killer with patients often unaware that the cough, hoarse voice, sore throat or chest pain they suffer can be signs of GERD and reason to discuss screening for Esophageal Cancer with their medical care professional; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer can develop from GERD when acid from the stomach creates cellular change in the esophagus resulting in a precancerous condition known as Barrett's Esophagus which can lead to an increase in a patient's risk of developing esophageal cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer can be prevented through early detection of its precursor, Barrett's Esophagus, which can be treated with new, curative techniques; and

**WHEREAS,** esophageal cancer awareness along with improvements in prevention, early detection and treatment strategies will enhance the health and well-being of all Vermonters;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

**ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, after debate, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin penned into the United States Declaration of Independence the famous promise of our "...unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; and

**WHEREAS**, along with the right to pursue happiness comes an ethical responsibility to exercise that right, and to guide our values, policies and politics in a way that makes it possible for our fellow citizens to pursue happiness as well; and

**WHEREAS**, Gross Domestic Product is not, and never was intended to be, an indicator of happiness or well-being; and GDP fails to capture major factors that contribute to people's happiness, such as security, leisure, and a clean and sustainable environment; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that income levels are associated with happiness up to an amount at which people's basic needs are met and at which point the correlation between income and happiness evaporates; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to raise awareness of our responsibility to create happiness and to increase opportunities for people to share and discuss ideas about how to build more happiness into our futures and the future of Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2013 as

**PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2700 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

**WHEREAS,** between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS,** the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

**WHEREAS,** very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

**WHEREAS,** an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

**PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders – autism spectrum disorders – caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by social and behavioral challenges, as well as repetitive behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 1 in 88 children in the U.S. is on the autism spectrum – a 600 percent increase in the past two decades that is only partly explained by improved diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 62/139 World Autism Awareness Day by unanimous consent, encouraging UN Member States to take measures to raise awareness about autism throughout society and to promote early diagnosis and early behavioral intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution designates World Autism Awareness Day as a United Nations Day to be observed every year starting in 2008 to raise global awareness of autism; and

**WHEREAS**, the aims for World Autism Awareness Day are to inform the general public about the global health crisis of autism, stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention, and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of individuals with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, autism is a lifelong condition in which the bulk of cost falls in adulthood, creating an enormous economic impact; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2013 as

**AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

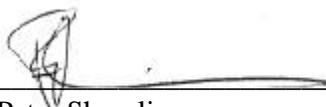
**AND**, I further proclaim April 2013 as

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 2013 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont and other local organizations are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 14-20, 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve thanks and recognition; and

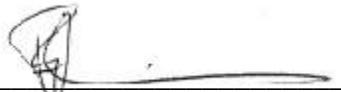
**WHEREAS,** public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as

**WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 April 2013 as

**GRANGE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2012.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** April 2013 marks the 45<sup>th</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 took the further step to ensure fair housing in 2012 by enacting a law prohibiting discrimination against housing developments in land use and planning decisions based on the income of intended residents; 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,** Julie Fothergill Kelliher was one of Vermont's most dedicated, knowledgeable and effective stewards of fair housing law and her work and commitment to the belief that all Vermonters have an equal right to housing made the state a leader in fair housing protections;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize Julie Fothergill Kelliher's outstanding contribution and in her memory proclaim April 2013 as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** administrative professionals are committed to upholding the highest ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS,** administrative professionals contribute greatly to office productivity and excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** the week of April 21 - 27, 2013 has been designated Administrative Professionals Week by the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP), its founder and sponsor; and

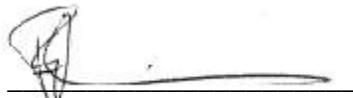
**WHEREAS,** the chapter of IAAP in Vermont represents the best of their profession and this year's theme, "Be the One;"

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2013 as

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** damage to underground utility facilities such as pipes, mains, cables and conduits can result in dangerous or costly leaks, as well as fires, explosions and fatalities, and this damage and its consequences are often preventable; 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 company, was established to protect the underground facilities of the public utilities by transmitting notices of digging from excavators to the utilities in order to locate and mark facilities prior to excavation; and

**WHEREAS,** this one-call system is a free service to excavators and homeowners alike, promoting safety, reducing cost, saving time, and helping excavators comply with safety rules and regulations;

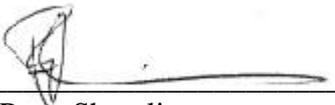
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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**, 60% of all substantiated child abuse incidents involved sexual (44%) and physical abuse (16%); and

**WHEREAS**, as articulated in Act One of 2009: Prevention is the most important and most often overlooked tool available to the state to fight sexual violence against children, and a coordinated statewide approach to stop abuse before it happens to provide safety and treatment for victims is needed 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 to violent behavior in children, teens and adults, which inevitably affects 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 2013 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.—known now as The Barbershop Harmony Society—was officially organized April 11, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS,** what began as a small group has steadily blossomed into the world’s largest all-male singing organization, an international organization of men from all stations of life; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to the spread of harmony for the enjoyment of all people of the world through organizing and encouraging close-harmony singing groups; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society encourages harmony amongst all people of the world through the universal language of music; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society has actively preserved and presented a distinct style of vocal music that originated in North America; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society is dedicated to sustaining and preserving an American tradition, the barbershop quartet; and

**WHEREAS,** the Barbershop Harmony Society promotes musical education through music scholarships and other means, and supports charitable foundations; and

**WHEREAS,** barbershoppers are engaged in laudable civic service and enrichment of our cultural life through the fostering of traditional values in entertainment and community endeavors;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2013 as

**BARBERSHOP WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** nearly forty nine 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,** the wage gap exists in every state, and across employment sectors: including doctors and lawyers, teachers and CEOs, janitors and sales clerks; and

**WHEREAS,** the gap persists in recent college graduates: a study by the American Association of University Women study revealed a significant pay gap among women who were working full time one year after graduation, even after controlling for hours, occupation, college major, and employment sector; and

**WHEREAS,** over a working lifetime, this wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family anywhere from an estimated \$700,000 to \$2 million in lost wages, reduced savings, Social Security benefits, unemployment and pensions, and is a factor is pushing older women into poverty; and

**WHEREAS,** Women in lower wage jobs are affected even more by the wage gap, especially those who are head-of-household; and

**WHEREAS,** air 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 9, 2013 as

**EQUAL PAY DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 2013 as

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

in Vermont and 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013

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

**WHEREAS,** each year the citizens of Vermont conduct a campaign resulting in the honoring of a Vermont Mother of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** the criteria for such an honor are those characteristics of personal integrity, dedication and generosity which distinguish mothers everywhere; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Mother of the Year chosen for 2013 not only carries such characteristics with becoming modesty but has also found time despite a busy family life for service to her fellow citizens in many projects of community concern;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby take pride in joining Vermonters everywhere in honoring Betty Haggerty as 2013

**VERMONT MOTHER OF THE YEAR**



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** libraries are the heart of their communities, campuses and schools; and

**WHEREAS,** librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, providing resources for citizens of all ages and taking services outside of library walls; and

**WHEREAS,** libraries and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community, address local issues, and promote civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable and digital content, including e-books; and

**WHEREAS,** libraries offer programs and resources to meet community needs, providing local residents with access to e-government services, assistance and information for job-seekers, homework help for students, early literacy support for children and parents, and lifelong learning opportunities for adults; and

**WHEREAS,** libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as

**LIBRARY WEEK**

in Vermont encourage all Vermonters to visit their library this week to take advantage of the vast array of library resources available in their communities and thank their librarians and library workers for making informational resources accessible to all who use the library



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 commend

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS**



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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** one in every 2,500 pregnancies are diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); and

**WHEREAS,** since 2000, it is estimated that over 500,000 babies have been born with CDH; however, only 50 percent of those babies survived; and

**WHEREAS,** CDH is as common as spina bifida and cystic fibrosis; however, very few people know about it or are aware of it; and

**WHEREAS,** 1,600 babies are born with CDH every year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** those with CDH often endure multiple surgeries and possible medical complication beyond their diagnosis that include heart defects, pulmonary complications, gastric and intestinal problems, developmental delays, and may require respiratory and medicinal support for years; and

**WHEREAS,** raising awareness of this congenital defect will help bring about acceptance and support for those suffering with it and will help advocate for urgently needed medical research and advances;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as

**CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** there are currently more than 100,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** DOs have contributed a tremendous amount to the American health care system since osteopathic medicine was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, in 1874; and

**WHEREAS,** DOs have treated U.S. presidents and Olympic athletes, contributed to the fight against AIDS, and served on nationwide health care panels; and

**WHEREAS,** DOs are fully-licensed to prescribe medicine and practice in all specialty areas of medicine, including surgery; and

**WHEREAS,** all of Vermont's 82 licensed osteopathic physicians are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through education and awareness-based efforts and by delivering quality health services; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont recognize the need for osteopathic physicians who are committed to bringing attention to improving the health of Americans, regardless age, income level, or ethnicity;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as

**OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



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Governor

**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,** the 2013 Way To Go! Statewide Commuter Challenge is generously supported by many private and public sector sponsors and is a commitment to expanding the use and awareness of transportation alternatives to solo car commuting in an effort to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, save Vermonters money, and improve health;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 13-17, 2013 as

**WAY TO GO! WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** social intervention is an essential tool for the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse; and

**WHEREAS,** the state has twenty-eight community-based prevention coalitions; and

**WHEREAS,** these coalitions are composed of parents, youth, community leaders, school officials and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS,** education is an important means for preventing youth use of alcohol drugs; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to recognize the efforts of those working promote healthy outcomes for Vermonters by strengthening individual knowledge and skills, promoting community education and changing community conditions to make alcohol and drug use less likely;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2013 as



**PREVENTION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 800,000 children are reported missing each year; and

**WHEREAS,** on average, approximately 2,000 children are reported missing to law enforcement agencies daily; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 58,200 of these children are victims of non-family abductions and more than 200,000 are the victims of family abductions; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) exists as a resource to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, help find missing children, and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them, and

**WHEREAS,** this special day is a time to remember those children who are missing and give hope to their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2013 as

**MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY**

in Vermont urge the participation of local government, law enforcement, and communities in protecting children and educating about child abduction and sexual exploitation, and how to respond and seek help from law enforcement, social services, and NCMEC



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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** May 18th, 2013 is the second National Kids to Parks Day organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

**WHEREAS,** National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit Vermont's parks; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to introduce a new generation to our nation's parks because of the decline in Park attendance over the last decades; and

**WHEREAS,** we should encourage children to lead a more active lifestyle to combat the issues of childhood obesity, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and hypercholesterolemia; and

**WHEREAS,** National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to encourage a large and diverse group of participants; and

**WHEREAS,** National Kids to Parks Day will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 as

**KIDS TO PARKS DAY**

in Vermont and urge residents to make time to consistently show the children in their lives the wonders of our local, state or national parks.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

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

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

**WHEREAS,** any measure 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,** each citizen of our state is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by getting to know their water;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013 as

**DRINKING WATER WEEK**

in Vermont.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** one of the primary goals for 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 our citizens; and

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

**WHEREAS,** much is expected from the men and women who every day supervise offenders in correctional facilities and in the community and without whose daily hard work and sacrifices we could not operate; 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, often in a challenging 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, often to the risk of their own well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is pleased to celebrate Correctional Employees Week and is urging all citizens to pay special tribute to these women and men who serve so faithfully;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013 as

**CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK**

in Vermont.



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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society – originally named the American Society for the Control of Cancer – was established in 1913 and has 100 years of milestones in the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1944 the American Cancer Society prioritized funding cancer research which to date has funded 46 Nobel Laureates and is the largest nongovernmental, not-for-profit funder of cancer research; and

**WHEREAS,** the organization made a connection between lung cancer and smoking in 1950, which has led to education and laws that have greatly reduced smoking rates; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Society helped seek passage of the Cancer Act of 1971 which established the National Cancer Institute and now funds billions of dollars annually for research; and

**WHEREAS,** now the largest grassroots fundraising event in the world, Relay For Life, was launched by an American Cancer Society volunteer in 1985 and has raised over \$3 billion to date and raises \$400 million annually to fund research, education, advocacy and service for cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS,** for the first time in history, in 2006, the actual number of cancer deaths in the United States declined thanks in large part to the American Cancer Society's groundbreaking work in cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2012 the American Cancer Society reported cancer death rates declined by 20 percent, which is 1.2 million lives saved, and

**WHEREAS,** Thursday, May 22, 2013 the American Cancer Society, the official sponsor of Birthdays, will celebrate its 100th Birthday;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2013 as

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAY**

in Vermont.

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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

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

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to call attention to the importance of high-quality child care services for all children and families within Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

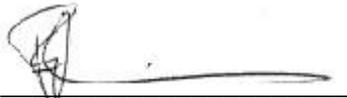
**WHEREAS,** quality early childhood services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2013 as

**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 2013 as

**NEUROFIBROMATOSIS MONTH**

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



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** families, serving as the primary sources of love, identity, self-esteem and support, are the very foundations of our communities and our state; and

**WHEREAS,** in Vermont there are over 680 children and youth in standard or specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure and stable homes, along with the compassion and nurturing of foster families; and

**WHEREAS,** there are over 1,070 dedicated licensed foster families in Vermont who often adopt foster children; and

**WHEREAS,** there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations, who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children who are currently in or leaving foster care; and

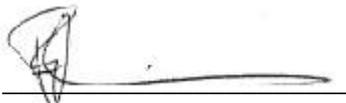
**WHEREAS,** it is important to honor the enduring and valuable contributions of foster parents and so many others who make the foster care system a successful, supportive network;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

**FOSTER CARE MONTH**

in Vermont.

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Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and to the health, safety and well-being of the people of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees from State and local units of Government and the private sector, who are responsible for and must plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to serve our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the United States of America to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understand the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the year 2013 marks the 53rd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2013 as

**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

in Vermont and urge residents to participate in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermont has a long tradition of excellence in hockey; and

**WHEREAS,** the Vermont Shamrocks bring together some of the most competitive girls hockey players from across New England and New York and focus on skill development, cooperation, unity, and individual self-growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the Shamrocks were founded in 2008 with one U12 team and 12 girls, and they have grown to six teams from U10 to U16 with over 100 participants; and

**WHEREAS,** on April 7, 2013 the Shamrocks defeated Potsdam, NY 4-1 to capture the Tier II girls 16 and under ice hockey national championship in San Jose, California; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to recognize the Vermont Shamrocks for their remarkable achievement;

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

**THE VERMONT SHAMROCKS**

All of Vermont extends its congratulations on this very special occasion.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** 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,** the citizens of Vermont understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drowning and recreational water-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, water park, recreation and parks industries; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of Vermont understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to water parks;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

**WATER SAFETY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

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

**WHEREAS**, Monday, May 6, 2013 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 that 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**, we recognize that 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**, we strongly believe that 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 5-11, 2013 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Governor

**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;

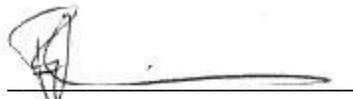
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2013 as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.



  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the month of May 2013 has been designated as Disability Awareness Month to celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of Vermonters with disabilities demonstrate every day the skills and talents they contribute to our communities and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont, its people, and its economy benefit when all Vermonters, of all abilities, have the opportunity to contribute their skills, talents, and gifts; and

**WHEREAS,** all Vermonters are entitled to an accessible workplace, a level playing field, and the same privileges, pursuits, and opportunities as any of their family, friends, and neighbors;

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to celebrate the contributions and achievements of citizens of all abilities.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in Vermont, trees are important to our way of life – they are a source of fun, shade or solace when we just need a quiet place; and

**WHEREAS**, we know trees provide much more. Trees can create jobs and improve our well-being. Trees can increase home values and lower summer temperatures. Trees make our air cleaner and provide habitat for native animals; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are the key to a vibrant, healthy and resilient community; and

**WHEREAS**, on Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to get involved, get outside, and get to work to care for our trees. You won't just be helping our trees. You'll be helping yourself and your community too; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate trees and all they provide; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2013 as

**ARBOR DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Event and Ceremony is honoring the 2013 high school seniors in the state of Vermont who have chosen to enlist in the military following graduation for their service and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Event and Ceremony aims to introduce these high school seniors to supporting military service organizations including AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Friends of Veterans, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Event and Ceremony aims introduce these future soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines to the Veterans Administration Health Care System, the largest health care system in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Recognition Event and Ceremony is supported by the presence and participation of the event and ceremony by the Patriot Guard Riders of the state of Vermont, State Captain Robert Wheeler and Ride Captain Gary Herbert;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2013 as

**THE FIRST ANNUAL RECOGNITION EVENT AND CEREMONY**

in Vermont and join the organizers in honoring the 2013 high school seniors in the state of Vermont who have chosen to enlist in the military following graduation



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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,** our thoughts and prayers are with those suffering from disasters throughout the world – including recent events in Boston, Texas and Sichuan, and the people from those countries and around the world who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to render aid;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2013 as



**DAY OF PRAYER**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** for more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans and Vermonters ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

**WHEREAS,** each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including, 2576 RSVP, 111 FGP and 81 Senior Companions in Vermont, to serve their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system; protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety; and

**WHEREAS,** Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide and 649 such organizations in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6-10, 2013 as



**SENIOR CORPS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the sense of well-being, freedom and love of country that citizens of the United States enjoy today are the result of personal sacrifice, lives changed and/or lost and ongoing vigilance given by the United States Armed Forces over the history of our great nation in caring for and honoring always our military during and after one's service; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government and all state governments have the responsibility and privilege to raise awareness and respect for this aspect of the heritage of the United States we have inherited and to encourage citizens to dedicate themselves to the values and principles for which Americans have served throughout the history of the nation; in this highly-effective way, we may sustain with hope and dignity the morale and improve the quality of life and well-being for service members and their families, for most assuredly they are our most precious national assets of interest to be protected; and

**WHEREAS**, these sacrifices that members of the United States Armed Forces and their family members have endured have preserved the liberties that have enriched this nation, as each state of our nation has uniquely made its homeland a "home" for those we hold so dear in appreciation for their service, for in this way, we are most certainly the land of the free and home of the brave; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2004, the United States Congress passed a resolution (H. Con. Res. 328) proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month and calling on all Americans to remember those who gave their lives or those who suffer with visible or invisible wounds in defense of freedom and to honor the men and women of our Armed Services and the families of our service men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May was selected for all of America to fully express our gratitude and support, as we celebrate Loyalty Day on May 1, Victory in Europe (VE) Day on May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day on May 10, Armed Forces Day on May 18, Memorial Day on May 27 and Flag Day on June 14:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2013, as

**MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**

**AND**, I further proclaim May 10, 2013, as

**MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY**



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** residents of Vermont's nursing homes have contributed immeasurably to the heritage, success, and growth of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** nursing home residents of any age or ability are themselves living history and a precious resource; and

**WHEREAS,** nursing homes across Vermont are holding events in observance of Nursing Home Week guided by this year's national theme of "Team Care: Everyone Pitches In!"; and

**WHEREAS,** Nursing Home Week begins May 12 and ends on May 18, 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2013 as

**NURSING HOME WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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,** many of Vermont's breweries are brewpubs and have become tourist attractions for visitors, and thousands of 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 dozens of special reasons to celebrate Craft Beer Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 13-19, 2013 as

**AMERICAN CRAFT BEER WEEK**

in Vermont.

**AND,** I further proclaim May 18-27, 2013 as

**GREGFEST**

in honor of Greg Noonan for his lifelong contributions to Vermont's craft beer community.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.

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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,** pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Vermont forests and grasslands for decades; and

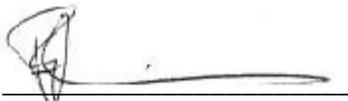
**WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2013 as

**POLINATOR WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of May, A.D. 2013.



Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** the 158<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Alert Detachment 1, from November 15<sup>th</sup> 2003 to May 13<sup>th</sup> 2013, conducted Homeland Defense and Aerospace Control Alert with F-16C+ aircraft, defending the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states under the North American Aerospace Defense Command / U.S. Northern Command control in unquestionably the most congested airspace in the nation. During this period their superior ability and performance consistently exceeded expectations in the Air Sovereignty Alert Mission for the Continental United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Alert Detachment 1 performed flawless tactical execution: zero missed missions, 100% compliance with NORAD designated scramble timing and 100% successful intercept of all assigned Targets Of Interest day and night in all weather; and

**WHEREAS,** Alert Detachment 1 impeccably supported a 24/7 hour Aerospace Control Alert mission; fulfilling 100% of tasking including protection of the President as well as Critical Asset List infrastructure sites; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alert Detachment 1 achieved the highest possible rating of "Mission Ready" during the last two Fighter Alert Force Evaluations:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend the men and women of the

**158<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER WING ALERT DETACHMENT 1**

for their hard work and dedication in defending and protecting the security of our state and nation.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** Artie Aiken was born in Townshend, Vermont on June 10, 1913 and has lived in southern Vermont ever since, except for a short period of time spend in service to his country; and

**WHEREAS,** growing up, Artie worked many jobs in the community, including the construction of Interstate 91; and

**WHEREAS,** today, Artie is known in his community as a handyman, on whom community members still depend for repairs; and

**WHEREAS,** at nearly 100 years of age, Artie continues to drive his truck, mow his own lawn, snow-blow his own driveway, plant a garden, help his neighbors, deliver meals on wheels, and cook his own meals; and

**WHEREAS,** as a beloved member of the community, Artie has touched the lives of many;

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

**ARTIE AIKEN**

for his service to his community and country and  
congratulate him on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

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

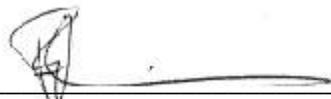
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2013 as

**GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** July 27, 2013 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, signed on July 27, 1953; and

**WHEREAS,** since July 27, 1953, Korean War veterans have been known as the veterans of the ‘Forgotten War;’

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters were called to serve in the Korean War and did their full duty, as Vermont service members have always done; and

**WHEREAS,** recognition ceremonies are being conducted across the United States in honor of Korean War veterans on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cease fire; and

**WHEREAS,** Korean War veterans gave freedom to countless South Koreans; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to thank all Korean War veterans and their families for their service to our state and country;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 27- August 3, 2013 as

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** breastfeeding is recognized globally as a safe, sound and sustainable practice benefiting mothers, children, and societies; 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 setting will change the landscape to be more supportive of exclusive breastfeeding; and

**WHEREAS,** peer counselors can provide education and support, and evidence shows that mother to mother support increases the duration and exclusivity of breastfeeding; and

**WHEREAS,** maternity practices in hospitals can influence breastfeeding behaviors during a period critical to the successful establishment of lactation. Hospitals that adopt the 10 Steps to Successful Breastfeeding will empower mothers and nurture babies, and increase rates of exclusive breastfeeding; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont law supports breastfeeding in public and the workplace, and over 265 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 children, 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, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as

**BREASTFEEDING MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013.



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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;

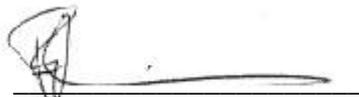
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 10-16, 2013 as

**MEN'S HEALTH WEEK**

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



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2013.

  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**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 10, 2013 as

**RIDE TO FIGHT HUNGER DAY**

in Vermont and call upon citizens of Vermont to join in the fight against hunger by participating in the Harpoon Point to Point to benefit the Vermont Foodbank.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the second week of June is Vascular Nurses Week;

**WHEREAS,** there are 3.1 million licensed registered nurses in the United States and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this healthcare group; and

**WHEREAS,** in addition to providing excellence in direct patient care, vascular nurses participate in vascular research and serve as a valuable resource for policymakers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Society of Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional community of vascular nurses, who advance the care for those persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education, and research; and

**WHEREAS,** the core values of SVN are to advocate for both vascular nurses and for those persons who live with complex vascular disease; and

**WHEREAS,** PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease) is a vascular disease, affecting approximately 8 million people in the United States, in which the arteries supplying a limb (typically one or both legs) are obstructed. Sixty percent of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease (CAD) or cerebrovascular disease; and

**WHEREAS,** people with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team. The specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the second week of June as

**VASCULAR NURSES WEEK**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of May, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in 1953, Rolland E. Heermance organized a group of male singers to form a traveling chorus to perform summer concerts at small country churches, schools, and town halls; and

**WHEREAS,** each August, this group of singers, known as the Yankee Male Chorus, convenes in New England to perform for four days; and

**WHEREAS,** because the members all have some musical background, the chorus creates a remarkably cohesive and exciting sound with only two to three hours of rehearsal per year; and

**WHEREAS,** this year, the Yankee Male Chorus celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with concerts in Chester, Vermont; Keene, New Hampshire; Westminster, Vermont; and Grafton, Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary and proper to recognize the members of the Yankee Male Chorus for their contributions to arts and culture in Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 7- 10, 2013 as

**YANKEE MALE CHORUS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth for the state of Vermont and as embodied in the ADA, the laws of the State Vermont and ordinances of its cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS,** numerous organizations and agencies throughout the State work with constituents to bring forth the promise of hope, freedom and independence in the most inclusive environment in their homes and with their friends and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to live in freedom and enjoy the promise of education, employment, participation in their communities and in the culture and sports offered in Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont honors and celebrates the 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the closure of the Brandon Training School twenty years ago;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2013 as

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in 1983, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York, was established in the United States and celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the last 30 years, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York, has unreservedly promoted and strengthened economic, trade and cultural ties between Hong Kong and the great State of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** Exports from Vermont to Hong Kong in 2012 amounted to US\$254.9 million in 2012, making Hong Kong the third largest export destination for Vermont, after Canada and China; and

**WHEREAS,** The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York, Miss Anita Chan, is currently conducting her first official visit to Montpelier to promote further cooperation between Vermont and Hong Kong;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

**THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE, NEW YORK**

and celebrate the strong ties between Vermont and Hong Kong.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** recent student-related housing fires in Wisconsin, Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, California, New York and Michigan and other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** since January 2000, at least 158 people, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 85 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and

**WHEREAS,** a majority of the students across the Nation live in off-campus occupancies; and

**WHEREAS,** a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and

**WHEREAS,** it is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and

**WHEREAS,** it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and

**WHEREAS,** it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vital to educate the future generation of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**FIRE SAFETY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of August, A.D. 2013.



  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Ed Larkin Old Time Contra Dancers have been in existence since 1934; and

**WHEREAS,** in September of 1934, the organization started demonstrations of traditional Vermont contra dancing at the Tunbridge World's fair, to perpetuate and carry on the traditional Vermont Contra Dance style; and

**WHEREAS,** the dancers have performed at the 1940 and 1964 New York World's Fairs, at the Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the Washington National Mall for the Smithsonian Institute, at the Vermont History Expo, and at numerous country fairs and gatherings throughout New England; and

**WHEREAS,** these performances bring a living history of Vermont traditional country style music and dancing to thousands of people around the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

**ED LARKIN OLD TIME CONTRA DANCERS DAY**



in Vermont and congratulate the dancers  
on their 80<sup>th</sup> year of performances.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013

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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;

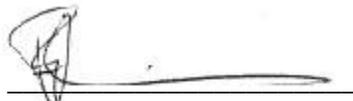
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**INDEPENDENT COUNTRY STORE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
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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

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

**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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 15-21 as



**KINSHIP CAREGIVER WEEK**

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. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States, detecting in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each and every year; and

**WHEREAS,** founded nearly twenty years ago, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at the Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands handmade caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of August, A.D. 2013.

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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, community gardens and other landmarks throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent our shared irreplaceable national resources; and

**WHEREAS,** public lands provide locally accessible natural 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, local and state officials, business leaders, youth and adults; and

**WHEREAS,** recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead an active lifestyle and reduce the incidence of childhood obesity; and

**WHEREAS,** land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and work to break down the barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and

**WHEREAS,** National Public Lands Day, now celebrating its 20th Anniversary, is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service serve as federal agency partners. This effort has become an annually anticipated celebration for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Vermont;

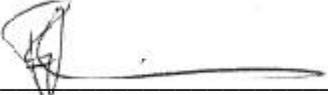
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2013 as

**PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

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. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, “National Preparedness Month” creates a significant opportunity for every Vermonter to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of emergencies from natural disasters, to man-made incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the events of Tropical Storm Irene and other destructive storms in the intervening two years showed the critical importance to Vermonters of preparing for any potential disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, all Vermonters can take a few simple steps – preparing a kit, making a plan, and being informed – to mitigate the effects of a disaster and make citizen preparedness a priority in every community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, the Red Cross, National Weather Service, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and other federal, state, and local officials and the private sector are working to deter, prevent and respond to all types of emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, these activities, along with active citizens, contribute to a level of preparedness that is critical to a secure homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens may get more information on readiness from DEMHS at [vem.vermont.gov](http://vem.vermont.gov); the Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); or the Department of Homeland Security’s Ready campaign websites at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov);

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

in Vermont and urge the people of Vermont to recognize the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this day of September A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, South Burlington Youth Baseball had one of its most accomplished seasons in years; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Burlington 11/12 year old All Star baseball team defended its title as State Champions; and

**WHEREAS**, the 11/12 All Stars played once again in the New England Regional Tournament in Bristol, Connecticut; advancing to the semi finals and having Vermont's best finish in over 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the 10/11 year old All Star baseball team won the State Championship Title; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9/10 year old All Star baseball team also won the Title of State Champions and completed their season with Vermont's best finish to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9/10 All Star softball team was runner up in the Vermont State Tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Burlington was the epicenter of youth baseball and softball in the State of Vermont for the summer of 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2013 as

**SOUTH BURLINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

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

**WHEREAS,** National Guard and Reserve forces comprise nearly half of our nation’s military strength, and are essential to America’s national security. Reserve Component forces stand ready to answer the call to serve, whether serving alongside active duty counterparts all across the globe or responding to humanitarian crises at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS,** employers provide critical support to members of the National Guard and Reserve; allowing Citizen Warriors to serve whenever the Nation calls, often foregoing financial gain and making sacrifices in the process; and

**WHEREAS,** employer support is stronger than ever, more than 41 years after President Richard Nixon authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); and

**WHEREAS,** our nation is in debt to the Citizen Warriors departing the comforts of home to ensure our freedoms remain intact. Likewise, America pays special tribute to the commitment of dedicated and supportive employers who continue to make service in the Reserve Components possible; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby declare September 22-28, 2013 as

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, falling, and the fear of falling, can lead to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of falls vary, with contributing factors including lack of strength in lower extremities, reduced vision, the use of medications, chronic health problems and unsafe home conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, unintentional falls is the leading cause of injury hospitalization among Vermonters; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont's death rate from falls is statistically higher than the national rate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual direct and indirect cost of fall injuries will reach \$59.6 billion by 2020; and at which time the cost under Medicare would be \$32.4 billion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2012 as

**FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to understand the importance of falls prevention to improve the quality of life of older adults and to reduce preventable increases in health care costs.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of Vermont has set a goal of improving the efficiency of 80,000 homes by the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, at current fuel prices, home energy efficiency improvements can save, on average, \$1,000 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, tightening up Vermont's homes and buildings is one of the most powerful ways the state can reduce the greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont has an active network of more than 100 town energy committees working to make their communities more sustainable, prosperous and resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, 78 Vermont towns are currently participating in the 2013 Vermont Home Energy Challenge to advance the state's efficiency goals and help friends and neighbors save energy and money; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network is organizing an effort intended to inspire and motivate more people to take action on energy efficiency and "button up" their homes;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2013 as

**BUTTON UP VERMONT DAY OF ACTION**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, restorative processes and other dialogue focused approaches to responding to differences; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations, and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are responsive to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by many citizens in school systems, universities, and graduate programs throughout Vermont and the world as a way of solving disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont is a nationally recognized leader in the development of community based restorative justice and services to victims, and

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, professional associations of conflict processing specialists promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes, and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont's reputation for working across partisan lines to get things done has had a very real impact on health, education, and economic prosperity throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Judiciary has been a long time supporter of conflict resolution processes;

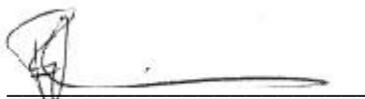
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 1935 Warren Kimble was born in New Jersey to a blue-collar family named Kimble; and

**WHEREAS**, Kimble left New Jersey at the age of 18 to conquer the rest of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the first place he made his mark was at his beloved Syracuse University, from which he graduated with a degree in Fine Arts and phenomenal tap dance and cheer-leading skills; and

**WHEREAS**, five years' working in New York advertising agencies was enough to convince him to turn his hand to the teaching profession; and

**WHEREAS**, after exploring many school teaching opportunities, luck and perseverance brought him to Vermont in 1970, where he settled in Brandon and taught art at Castleton State College; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 he met and married the love of his life, Lorraine, and through her Wild Apple's graphic expertise, Warren discovered that there was not a dish towel, door mat, wastebasket, coffee mug, or calendar he didn't like; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kimbles' enterprise has resulted in sell-out runs on QVC, as well as featured stories on "Live With Regis and Kathy Lee," as well as numerous print features; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1990s as part of an ongoing effort to improve the quality of life in his adopted hometown of Brandon, where, incidentally, each year he marches as Uncle Sam in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, he created a series of projects with his friends at the Brandon Artists' Guild from "The Really Really Pig Show" to "Art Makes Brandon Tick!"; and

**WHEREAS**, as a trustee of the Vermont Arts Council, Warren Kimble declared that he was sick of attending boring meetings and wanted to do something fun and free that would be open to any Vermont artist; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, he conjured up the Palettes Project, which engaged 40,000 Vermonters in the wonderful, community-building process of decorating wooden, made-in-Vermont, artist palettes that galvanized communities, generated tourism, and paid for numerous community-based projects; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be a mistake to think of Warren Kimble as a master of only the abstract folk-art style of American painting because his recent collections of works, the "Widows Of War" and "Let The Sun Shine In," treat very different subject matters in a completely different, albeit abstract, style; and

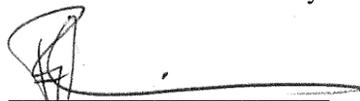
**WHEREAS**, Warren Kimble has helped the citizens of Vermont, better than perhaps any other living artist, understand the vital and pivotal role that the arts play in their economic, social, and educational well-being;

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

**WARREN KIMBLE**

For his countless contributions to the state of Vermont and congratulate him  
for the receipt of the 2013 Governor's Award in the Arts.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 21st day of October, A.D. 2013



Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, case management is a multidisciplinary profession that seeks to assure the delivery of quality, appropriate, efficient and cost effective healthcare services to patients throughout the State of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, case managers function in a variety of practice settings including hospitals, home healthcare, long-term care, rehabilitation, eldercare, managed care and occupational health to facilitate the coordination of continuing care services; and

**WHEREAS**, case management is the sole medical management strategy that fosters the careful shepherding of healthcare dollars while maintaining a primary and consistent focus on patient advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, case management services enhance quality of life, while promoting the achievement of positive healthcare outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, case management is an integral component of healthcare delivery in the State of Vermont and throughout the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 13-19, 2013 as

**CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been an inspiration and strong supporter of the fight against breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been a pillar of encouragement and that we indeed have someone working on our behalf, not only caring but reaching out; and

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has led by example and has shown to all strength, support, encouragement; and

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has been force breast cancer awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Breast Cancer has always put the fight to end this disease at the forefront;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 20, 2013 as

**MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** The State of Vermont recognizes the value and capabilities of its workforce, including people with disabilities, and has a strong commitment to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** There are over 46,000 Vermonters of adult working age who have a disability, constituting over 11% of the State's working age population, and

**WHEREAS,** Only 34% of working age Vermonters with disabilities are employed, as compared to 80% of Vermonters without disabilities, and

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters with disabilities want to work, companies can be more profitable when they hire people with disabilities, and we can save tax money and make our state stronger by including people with disabilities in the workforce, and

**WHEREAS,** The State of Vermont recognizes the need to continue to expand employment opportunities that will benefit both the business community and employees of all abilities, and

**WHEREAS,** In this spirit, the State of Vermont is recognizing National Disability Employment Awareness Month to raise awareness about disability employment issues and to celebrate the many gifts, talents and contributions of people with disabilities to our workplaces and communities and affirm Vermont's commitment to an inclusive community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

In Vermont and call upon employers, schools and other community organizations in Vermont to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message of "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task," throughout the year.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, an estimated 1,129,813 people are living with, or are in remission from, leukemia, lymphoma, or myeloma or another form of blood cancer; with an estimated 149,990 new cases expected to be diagnosed in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma and other blood cancers will kill an estimated 54,630 people in the United States this year alone; and

**WHEREAS**, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients; and

**WHEREAS**, LLS maintains an office in Vermont to help improve the quality of life for blood cancer patients and their families in the State of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Vermont is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of blood cancer patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Vermont encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that are saving lives today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the vast majority of Americans recognize that it is important to protect loved ones with life insurance, with a recent survey indicating that 83 percent agree that most people need coverage;

**WHEREAS,** the life insurance industry pays \$62 billion to beneficiaries each year, providing a tremendous source of financial relief and security to families that experience the loss of a loved one;

**WHEREAS,** despite the importance that people place on life insurance and the peace of mind that it brings to millions of American families, there are still too many Americans who lack adequate coverage;

**WHEREAS,** the unfortunate reality is that roughly 95 million adult Americans have no life insurance and most with coverage have less than most experts recommend;

**WHEREAS,** millions of Americans realize that they are underinsured, with nearly one in three believing that they do not have enough coverage;

**WHEREAS,** during times like these when so many families continue to struggle, life insurance coverage is more important than ever because people have fewer financial resources to fall back on than in years past, increasing their financial vulnerability;

**WHEREAS,** the nonprofit LIFE Foundation and a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance companies and organizations have designated September 2013 as “Life Insurance Awareness Month,” whose goal is to get consumers thinking about their need for life insurance protection, to encourage them to seek advice from a qualified insurance professional, and to take the actions necessary to achieve a financially secure future for their loved ones.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

**LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



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Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

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**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by many citizens in school systems, universities, and graduate programs throughout Vermont and the world as a way of solving disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont is a nationally recognized leader in the development of community based restorative justice and services to victims, and

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships; and

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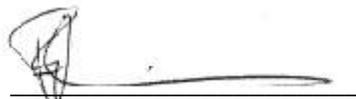
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**CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** manufacturing makes a significant contribution to the national, state and local economy; and

**WHEREAS,** manufacturing provides good employment opportunities and careers for skilled workers; and

**WHEREAS,** manufacturing companies produce and sell valuable products, bringing new wealth to our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the existence of these companies in our community creates demand for other industry and services; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont is fortunate to be home to many great manufacturing businesses, many of which are world leaders in their respective fields;

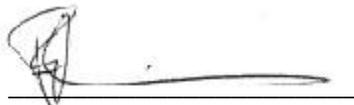
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2013 as

**NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
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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 18th 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

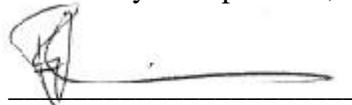
**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and proper to embrace and celebrate the creativity of all Vermonters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**AMERICAN CRAFT MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont  
this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of Vermont stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of 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 17, 2013, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school; and

**WHEREAS**, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Vermont is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy; and

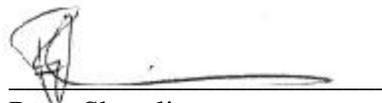
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2013, as

**LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on the \_\_\_ day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in January 1944, the United States War Refugee Board asked Sweden to send a representative to Hungary to organize rescue operations for the Jewish community; and

**WHEREAS,** Raoul Wallenberg, with extraordinary courage, managed to save the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and children; and

**WHEREAS,** Raoul Wallenberg risked his own life countless times during his work, dragging Jews from trains bound for gas chambers, bringing food and blankets to those on death marches, creating Swedish Safe Houses, and unflinchingly challenging Nazi authorities; and

**WHEREAS,** Raoul Wallenberg has become a symbol of each human being's concern for every fellow human being, an example to be followed, and an inspiration to uncover and fight for justice and understanding; and

**WHEREAS,** on October 5, 1981, the President of the United States signed a proclamation making Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2013 as

**RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Commendation**

**WHEREAS,** The Arbors at Shelburne is a senior living community that provides specialized care for those with Alzheimer's Disease and other memory impairments and is operated by Benchmark Senior Living, the largest privately-held provider of senior living services in the Northeast; and

**WHEREAS,** this community is unique to Vermont as the state's one and only dedicated memory care community, and combines extraordinary supportive services, a caring staff; and

**WHEREAS,** on-site associates assist residents with access to resources and programs designed to help them age with dignity and grace; and

**WHEREAS,** The Arbors at Shelburne provides housing options where residents can enjoy private or companion apartments and the comfort of memory care services; and

**WHEREAS,** for the past 25 years, The Arbors at Shelburne has lived up to its mission to provide for the housing services and long-term memory care needs of Vermont seniors;

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

**THE ARBORS AT SHELBURNE**

and congratulate staff and residents on the occasion of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and extend appreciation for its service to the Vermont Seniors for which it has provided care.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.

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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, whereby today many citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; 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 this state enhances the education of youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and at institutions of higher education, the use of information technology is integral to teaching and learning, research, and outreach and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and our 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 ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) 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**, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center provides a collaborative mechanism to help state, local, territorial and tribal governments enhance cyber security; and the state of Vermont information security office provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this state; 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 state of Vermont information infrastructure and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([www.dhs.gov/cyber](http://www.dhs.gov/cyber)), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center ([www.msisac.org](http://www.msisac.org)), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, ([www.nascio.org](http://www.nascio.org)), and the National Cyber Security Alliance ([www.staysafeonline.org](http://www.staysafeonline.org)) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with the state of Vermont <http://itsecurity.vermont.gov> and Stop.Think.Connect ([www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org)) to learn about cyber security; and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this \_\_\_ day of September, A.D. 2013.



Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, information technology enhances our quality of life and serves to broaden our cultural and economic horizons; and

**WHEREAS**, information technology companies are an important part of Vermont's creative economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont has a long history of attracting and supporting companies that use information technology, and they continue to play an important role in building Vermont's economic future; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont continues to be part of the next generation of information technology companies, and it will continue to be a destination for these innovative hi-tech companies; and

**WHEREAS**, information technology companies provide high paying jobs and these information technology companies fit well within the rural character of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS**, information technology will play an important part in creating the new jobs of the future and will continue to be an economic magnet for a new generation job of seekers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the State of Vermont is committed to the safe return of missing children; and

**WHEREAS,** a current photograph is the most important resource in the recovery of a missing child, according to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. More than 1,200 children are reported missing each day in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** SmileSafe Kids® Photo ID Cards have directly contributed to the recovery of missing children in 23 states; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, in partnership with School Photography, has provided some 1,560,000 free SmileSafe Kids Photo ID Cards during the last decade to parents in the State of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont families utilize their SmileSafe Kids Cards and encourage programs that promote child safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2013 as

**SMILES SAFE KIDS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, A.D. 2013.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** neuroendocrine tumors/tumours (NETs) often develop into cancer and, if left untreated, can result in serious illness and death; and

**WHEREAS,** all too often healthcare professionals underestimate the malignant and metastatic potential of neuroendocrine tumors/tumours; 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,** survival for NET cancer patients is further compromised by fragmented care and lack of access to treatment by networks of specialists; and

**WHEREAS,** although there have been advances in the detection and treatment of NET cancers, not all patients are benefiting 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, 2013 as



**NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 104,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 196 children in Vermont are waiting for permanent families; and

**WHEREAS,** to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts across Vermont will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 23, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

**WHEREAS,** this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's future depends on today's children, and it is important to involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church groups, and businesses in providing publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the crucial needs of these children and of all those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 23, 2013 as

**ADOPTION DAY**

in Vermont and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of October, A.D. 2013.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Silas H. Jennison signed into law “An act to incorporate the Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society” on November 5, 1838; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society’s incorporating documents define the purpose of the Society as that of “collecting and preserving materials for the civil and natural history of the state;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Society adopted the new name Vermont Historical Society in 1858; and

**WHEREAS**, the library and museum collections of the Society provide unparalleled documentation of life in the Green Mountain State, and

**WHEREAS**, the Society established its headquarters, including the library and museum exhibitions at the Pavilion Office Building in 1971; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont History Center was opened in 2002, providing new space for the library, collections, and exhibitions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Society received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation’s highest recognition for cultural organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Society has engaged in a year-long celebration of its 175th Anniversary in 2013;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2013 as

**VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY DAY**

in Vermont and congratulate the Society for their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent; and

**WHEREAS**, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 90 deaths will occur in Vermont in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific frameworks, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in the state of Vermont and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Vermont support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and

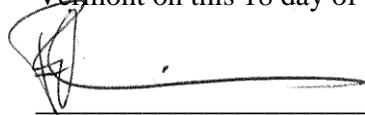
**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents in the State of Vermont are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as

**PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 18 day of October, A.D. 2013



Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 171,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States with 436 NPs practicing in the state of Vermont, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care for nearly half a century; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs have graduate, advanced education (most have master's degrees and an increasing number have doctorates); and

**WHEREAS**, NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions; and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NPs is established and well-documented; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

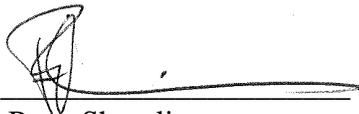
**WHEREAS**, more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 10-16 as

**NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, A.D. 2013



Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer kills 159,000 Americans every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer; secondhand smoke exposure, radon, asbestos, and genetic disorders have long been known to cause lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer recently added outdoor air pollution and particulate matter to the growing list of air pollutants known to cause lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, although avoiding exposure to these carcinogens is the best way to prevent lung cancer, people cannot always avoid them because they are so widespread; and

**WHEREAS**, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 16 percent, among the lowest of all types of cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, early diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer greatly improves survival rates; however, most cases are not diagnosed until later stages; and

**WHEREAS**, the lung cancer mortality rate for high-risk populations can be lowered by up to 20 percent through early detection, including low-dose CT screening; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 72,000 American women will die of lung cancer in 2013, 26 percent of all female deaths due to cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, every two and a half minutes someone in the U.S. is told that he or she has lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last 35 years, the lung cancer death rate has fallen 22 percent among men while increasing 106 percent among women;

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

**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont and encourage all residents to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5 day of November, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons was established in 1964 and is an international not-for-profit organization representing more than 6,600 cardiothoracic surgeons, researchers, and other health care professionals who are part of the cardiothoracic surgery team; and

**WHEREAS**, a cardiothoracic surgeon is a physician who performs operations on the heart, lungs, esophagus, and other organs in the chest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society's mission is to enhance the ability of cardiothoracic surgeons to provide the highest quality patient care through education research, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Society offers continuing medical education, leads initiatives for quality improvement and patient safety via the STS National Database, produces an esteemed scientific journal – The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, supports cardiothoracic surgery research initiatives, and advocates on behalf of patients, among other activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons provides a special occasion to express our appreciation and gratitude to cardiothoracic surgeons for their hard work and dedication;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize December 2<sup>nd</sup> as

**THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY OF THORACIC SURGEONS**

in Vermont and urge all citizens of Vermont to recognize the important contributions made by cardiothoracic surgeons to our health and general welfare.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15 day of November, A.D. 2013

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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, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, Operation Tribute acquired, gift wrapped, and individually distributed over 34,000 holiday gifts to military children, including 3,800 in Vermont, in over 910 cities and towns in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, over 98 percent of all funds raised were used for the acquisition and distribution of these gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, the sacrifices and bravery of the children of Vermont's military families - a group of unsung heroes during these difficult times - have been acknowledged, commended and rewarded by Operation Tribute; and

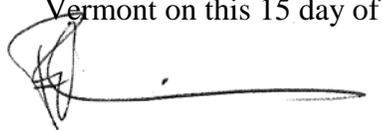
**WHEREAS**, no child has ever been refused a gift by Operation Tribute for their service;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 2013 as

**OPERATION TRIBUTE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 15 day of November, A.D. 2013



Peter Shumlin  
Governor



**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, computer technology, an integral part of our culture, is changing how people interact with each other and the world around them, is transforming industry, creating new fields of commerce, driving innovation in all fields of science and bolstering productivity in many economic sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, the field of computer science is a foundational science for the digital age and underpins the information technology sector of our economy, which is a significant contributor to United States economic output; and

**WHEREAS**, the outlook for computer science jobs is bright with one in every two STEM jobs in the country in computing occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, providing students the chance to participate in high-quality computer science activities exposes them to the rich opportunities in the field and provides critical thinking skills that will serve them throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, all students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to the qualified teachers, technology, and age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in an Hour of Code during Computer Science Education Week can serve to demystify the field of computer science and encourage more students to take up further studies of computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Grace Murray Hopper, whose birthday is December 9th, was one of the first females in the field of computer science, engineered new programming languages and pioneered standards for computer systems which laid the foundation for many advancements;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 9-15, 2013 as

**COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK**

in Vermont and urge citizens to participate in the Hour of Code



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, one of our nation's oldest and most cherished traditions, Thanksgiving Day brings us closer to our loved ones and invites us to reflect on the blessings that enrich our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, though our traditions have evolved, the spirit of grace and humility at the heart of Thanksgiving has persisted through every chapter of our story; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of adversity and times of plenty, we have lifted our hearts by giving humble thanks for the blessings we have received and for those who bring meaning to our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, as we gather in our communities and in our homes, we give thanks for the many kindnesses and comforts that grace our lives. We must pause to remember those men and women of our military stationed in harm's way to protect our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to giving thanks, Thanksgiving is a time to give back to our communities and to those less fortunate, to be generous with our time and compassionate with our neighbors in need;

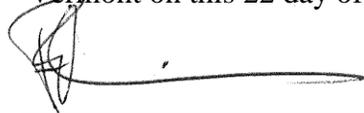
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 28, 2013 as



**THANKSGIVING DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 22 day of November, A.D. 2013

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the government of Vermont celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community. According to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28 million small businesses in the United States. They represent more than 99 percent of American companies, create two-thirds of the net new jobs and generate half of private gross domestic product; and

**WHEREAS**, small businesses employ one-half of all private sector workers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, 86 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed; and

**WHEREAS**, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support for a “buy local” movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

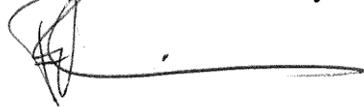
**WHEREAS**, advocacy groups and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2013 as

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25 day of November, A.D. 2013



Peter Shumlin  
Governor

