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A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the future of Vermont rests on the hopes and dreams of its young people; and

WHEREAS, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth by providing a consistent adult friend and role model; and

WHEREAS, relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable support to guide them toward making positive, healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, mentoring before, during and after school has become an effective strategy used by schools to increase student attendance and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, research has shown mentored youth are less likely to skip school, start using drugs and alcohol, or engage in violence, and are more likely to attend college. Mentored youth also exhibit improved self-esteem, better relationships, and feel greater connectedness to their community and schools; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between businesses, schools and other youth service organizations, and mentoring programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within the community; and

WHEREAS, collaborative mentoring programs that are supported by the entire community, locally and statewide, are more visible and therefore able to serve more youth; and

WHEREAS, Vermont mentoring programs, Mobius, and other public and private organizations throughout Vermont are committed to working collaboratively to increase the number of quality mentoring matches statewide; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Vermont youth are waiting for mentors; and

WHEREAS, since 2013, Mobius has served as Vermont's Mentoring Partnership, and provides support for youth mentoring programs and volunteer mentors throughout the state of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, January has been designated National Mentoring Month, a month-long outreach campaign focusing national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us can work together to increase the number of mentors and assure brighter futures for our young people:

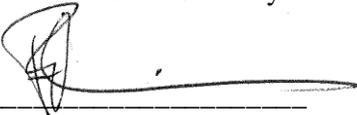
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim January, 2014 as

MENTORING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 22 day of January, A.D. 2014




Peter Shumlin
Governor

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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 millions of 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 51,000 pets and feral cats through “World Spay Day” in the United States in 2013; 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 “World Spay Day 2014.”

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

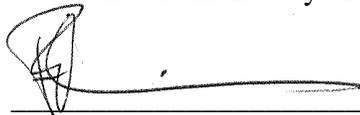
SPAY/NEUTER MONTH

AND, I further proclaim February 25, 2014 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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Vermont on this 21 day of January, A.D. 2014.



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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 percent 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 2-8, 2014 as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

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



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 21 day of January, A.D. 2014

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WHEREAS, the sport of curling is growing in popularity throughout Vermont, and;

WHEREAS, the sport of curling combines the traditional Vermont characteristics of teamwork, fellowship, and finding something to do during our long, cold winters; and

WHEREAS, whereas Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, Vermont has partnered with the Upper Valley Curling Club to host the first annual Lake Morey Pondspiel from February 14 - 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Morey Pondspiel has attracted intrepid curling teams from across the entire Northeast to test their skills on unpredictable outdoor ice; and

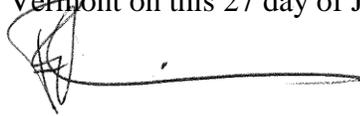
WHEREAS, the Lake Morey Pondspiel in its inaugural year will be the largest outdoor curling tournament held in these United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby extend my best wishes for a successful and fun

2014 LAKE MOREY PONDSPIEL

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27 day of January, A.D. 2014



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WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, every three minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

WHEREAS, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Indians, and Alaskan Natives are significantly less likely to be screened for colorectal cancer compared to Whites; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable in most cases; and

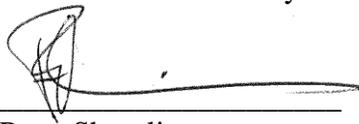
WHEREAS, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening:

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

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

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Vermont on this 27 day of January, A.D. 2014



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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, 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 16-22, 2014 as

ENGINEERS WEEK

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



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Vermont on this 19 day of February, A.D. 2014

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WHEREAS, approximately one in four individuals is living with mental health challenges in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, like the rest of the nation, is addressing mental illness by combining effective prevention, treatment and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, and virtually all Vermonters know someone in their network of family or friends who is affected; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's mental health organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the effects of mental illness and the value of treatment and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Mental Health Advocacy Day is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental health conditions can respond to proper and timely intervention, treatment, and recovery support services, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2014 as

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13 day of February, A.D. 2014

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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

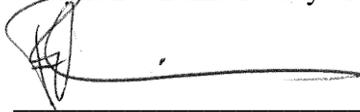
WHEREAS, thousands of residents of Vermont are among those affected by rare diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2014 as

RARE DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

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WHEREAS, the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation will be celebrating the Second Annual National Triple Negative Breast Cancer Day on March 3, 2014 and will bring together communities across our nation to plan fundraisers and awareness events in each state to take place on or around March 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Triple Negative Breast Cancer is diagnosed to as many as 10-20% or 30,000-40,000 American women each year with younger women, African Americans and Latinas at highest risk; and

WHEREAS, additional funding for research is needed to develop a targeted treatment method for Triple Negative Breast Cancer so the relatively low five year survival rate can increase to the overall five year breast cancer survival rate of almost 90%; and

WHEREAS, women with Triple Negative Breast Cancer lack receptors to estrogen and progesterone as well as over expression of the HER2 gene that limits treatment options; and

WHEREAS, Triple Negative Breast Cancer needs to be brought to the forefront of public awareness, to encourage the basic, translational and clinical research that will lead to better treatment, and ultimately the elimination of this disease that brings so much suffering to women, to their families and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2014 as

TRIPLE NEGATIVE AWARENESS DAY

In Vermont and urge women, the men who love them, researchers, clinicians, employers and policy makers to use this occasion to engage in activities to raise awareness, educate the public and support research into the causes and cures of Triple Negative Breast Cancer.



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WHEREAS, U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is headquartered in Sarasota, Florida; and

WHEREAS, USMS represents 60,000 USMS adult members who swim with its more than 1,000 local adult swim programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control estimates that 37 percent of American adults could not save themselves if they fell in water over their heads. With the inability to swim affecting people's lives in a broad spectrum of ways with direct negative implications on American's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, adult drowning is a problem we can solve – teaching adults to swim is the central cause of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation, the charitable arm of USMS; and

WHEREAS, the swimming Saves Lives Foundation has provided grant resources to New England adult swimming programs so they may teach potentially thousands of adults who might not otherwise have the opportunity especially in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the grants to the adult swimming programs for the Adult Learn to Swim program is privately provided by the charitable and generous contributions of 60,000 USMS members and supporters; and

WHEREAS, April is ideal month for this designation as indoor pools have the greatest availability for such programs before the summer season; and

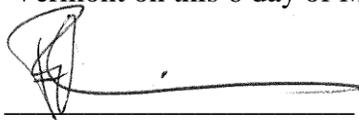
WHEREAS, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained.

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

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH

In Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 6 day of March, A.D. 2014



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WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called “multiple” because cancer can occur at multiple sites in the body.

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 78,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 24,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 11,000 losing their battle each year; and

WHEREAS, because Myeloma is a rare disease, there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS, continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and

WHEREAS, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to finding a cure for Myeloma and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from Myeloma and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs;

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

MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

In Vermont



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WHEREAS, American Red Cross heroes are on the front lines every day. They volunteer their time; give blood; take life-saving courses; provide round-the-clock support to members of the military, veterans and their families; or provide financial donations to help their neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responded to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and wildfires, the tragedy at the Boston Marathon, and typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, when an injured service member ended up in a hospital far from home, the American Red Cross offered comfort. When a hospital patient needed blood, American Red Cross blood donors helped them. When a lifeguard jumped in to save a drowning child or someone stepped up to help a heart attack victim, the American Red Cross was there; and

WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and

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

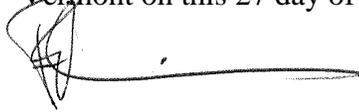
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March, 2014 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in Vermont, and encourage Vermonters to give of themselves to support the valuable services this organization provides.



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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 corporation, 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

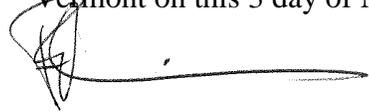
WHEREAS, this “One-Call” system is a free service to excavators as well as to homeowners, and it promotes safety, reduces costs and times of notifications, and helps excavators comply with safety rules and regulations;

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

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Vermont.

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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 and around the world; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,900 of Vermont's school-age children and youth have been directly affected by the military deployment or separation of at least one parent, and the difficult reintegration period that follows all deployments; 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, 2014 as

THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

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



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WHEREAS, Deep Vein Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism, known as Venous Thromboembolism, is the third leading vascular diagnosis in the United States and accounts for about 300,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, about one-half of all events occur in the setting of provoking risk factors so they are potentially preventable; and

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General issued a Call to Action to prevent Venous Thromboembolism in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the signs and symptoms of Venous Thromboembolism are poorly understood by the general public; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include leg pain, swelling or discoloration, and chest pain or shortness of breath; and

WHEREAS, the risk is higher after surgery, trauma, immobilization or with cancer, and also with use of oral contraceptives and during and after pregnancy. If a person is experiencing symptoms he or she should contact his or her healthcare provider immediately, or if in distress, seek emergency medical attention;

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

VENOUS THROMBOEMBOLISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont and encourage residents to become aware of this disease and its symptoms, so that early diagnosis and prevention might occur.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, geneticists estimate that approximately 1,400 individuals in Vermont and over 700,000 persons throughout the U.S. alone have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons; and

WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Vermont and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2014 as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

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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 138th summer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2014 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, registered dietitians are food and nutrition experts able to 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 accredited colleges and universities, and have 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; and

WHEREAS, registered dietitians deserve recognition for their contributions and appreciation for their commitment to promoting science-based nutrition in the effort to achieve optimum health for today and tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2014 as

REGISTERED DIETITIAN DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, March 12, 2014, marks the 102nd anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, which began in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia, to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, for 102 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community and honors leadership in the Girl Scout tradition; and

WHEREAS, core programs around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship help girls develop a solid foundation in leadership; and

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of more than 5,100 trained volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than 12,300 girls in grades K-12 in Vermont and New Hampshire,

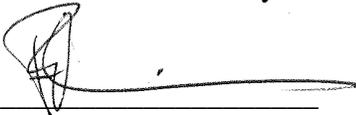
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2014 as

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

in Vermont and applaud the Girl Scouts for their 102 years of leadership
and salute them as they celebrate 102 years of Girl Scouting.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014



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 alcohol and other drug 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

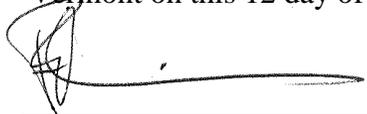
WHEREAS, Vermont’s “Recovery Day ” is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental illness, addictions and co-occurring conditions respond well to proper and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2014 as

RECOVERY DAY

In Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development, aging and family care giving, child protection and family services, health care navigation, mental and behavioral health treatment, military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development, and poverty reduction; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers function as specialists, consultants, private practitioners, educators, community leaders, policymakers and researchers; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are experts in care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues, and have roles in more than 50 different fields of practice; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

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

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in Vermont and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, past studies have shown neglected maintenance leads to more than 5,600 deaths, nearly 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage; and,

WHEREAS, neglected tire maintenance is responsible for nine percent of crashes; and

WHEREAS, more than 75 percent of the vehicles on the road today are in need of some type of preventative maintenance; and

WHEREAS, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency, light duty vehicles are responsible for approximately 55 percent of US transportation emissions; and

WHEREAS, through proper maintenance, a ten-year-old vehicle can produce fewer emissions than a poorly maintained five year-old vehicle; and

WHEREAS, disabled vehicles are a major cause of highway congestion that is avoidable with proper maintenance of critical vehicle systems; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance of key safety systems such as brakes, air bags and lights will help the state reduce accidents and accompanying injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance will reduce fuel usage by cars and therefore save car owners money and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance of the state's vehicle fleet will reduce long-term operating costs and the need to purchase new vehicles;

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

CAR CARE MONTH

in Vermont and urge all citizens with vehicles to "Be Car Care Aware," and inspect and perform all maintenance necessary to ensure their vehicles are operating in a safe, efficient and clean manner.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24 day of March, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
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 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 27, through Sunday, May 4, 2014, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah, April 28, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 27- May 4, 2014 as

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE WEEK

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



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, since 2010, the Vermont National Guard has made tremendous and meaningful progress toward addressing sexual assault and has established and built a sexual violence prevention and response program that empowers survivors of sexual violence to speak out and receive help; and

WHEREAS, every service member within the Vermont National Guard is a valuable asset and sexual violence within our organization has no place, this month we commit to preventing sexual violence at all levels and supporting survivors as top priorities; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Vermont National Guard is dedicated to creating a climate where survivors feel empowered to report crimes against them and all service members feel responsible for preventing sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont National Guard will continue to work together to educate our airmen and soldiers about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and beliefs through enhanced training programs, awareness, and community involvement, we can prevent violence within our organization; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont National Guard strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners. We understand this alone is not enough and call upon every citizen and service member to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence by stepping up and taking appropriate action to support one another to create a safer, more positive, environment for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont National Guard is moving forward to create a culture where all service members feel responsible for preventing sexual violence and survivors feel empowered to report crimes against them, let us all rededicate ourselves this April to lead the nation in preventing sexual violence and breaking the silence surrounding sexual violence;

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

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 3 day of April, A.D. 2014



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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, 2014 as

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as Vermont citizens increase their personal finance knowledge and skills, the financial well-being of the individual and the state will improve; and

WHEREAS, as Vermont citizens improve their financial literacy they will be better prepared with the skills they need to successfully get ahead in today's economy; 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 both adults and youth to practically demonstrate financial skill in planning, budgeting, saving, debt management, and investing; 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 11, 2014 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 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 9 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

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

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

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

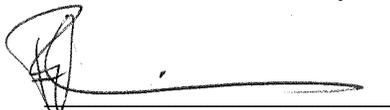
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2014 as

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 16 day of April, A.D. 2014




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

WHEREAS, as stated 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.” While there is a coordinated statewide approach to stop abuse before it happens that needs to be properly funded and provide safety and treatment for victims and offenders; and

WHEREAS, firm action by the courts and the Vermont Department for Children and Families to protect children who have been abused, coupled with prevention and early intervention programs and initiatives, such as Circle of Parents®, home visitation, Early Essential Education, SAFE-T, Care for Kids, KidSafe Collaborative, Commit to Kids, quality child care 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

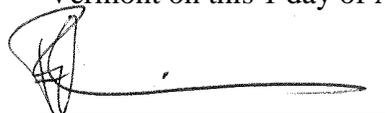
WHEREAS, parents, social workers, health and mental health professionals, educators, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, home visitors, parent educators, domestic violence and rape crisis workers, hot line workers, mentors and other volunteers demonstrate a daily commitment to children and families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

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 1 day of April, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, nearly fifty 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 in 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

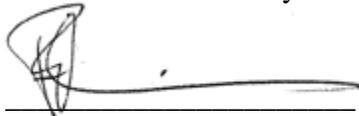
WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs while enhancing the American economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2014 as

EQUAL PAY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8 day of April, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
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.

WHEREAS, Vermont is leading the nation through Act 113 legislation which measures the state of Vermont’s economic, environmental, and societal well-being as a supplement to the measurement derived from the gross state product and other existing statistical measurements; 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, 2014 as

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS DAY

in Vermont and further recognize the anniversary of President Jefferson’s birth.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening inherited genetic disorder that causes children and adults to suffer a cascade of life-altering symptoms such as pain, decreased ability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, unexplained fevers, chronic gastrointestinal upset, chronic fatigue, anxiety, depression, and excessive school and work absences. It progresses to include hearing loss, lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease, cerebrovascular disease, and other symptoms. It often causes 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 that causes insufficient breakdown of lipids. Lipids build up to harmful levels in the body causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, there is an approved treatment for Fabry disease that must reach people who know they have Fabry disease as well as thousands of people who have not yet been recognized and diagnosed. Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed. When diagnosed, it is often too late after irreversible organ damage occurs. Increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition; and

WHEREAS, the current most commonly used estimate of classic Fabry disease incidence is about 1 in 50,000 males. Because of its x-chromosome inheritance pattern, twice as many females are potentially affected but with a random, more varied distribution of disease symptoms than in classic males. Recent studies suggest there are likely to be many times more people with Fabry disease than current estimates of classic disease indicate; and

WHEREAS, an enzyme assay test for males and molecular DNA test for females can confirm Fabry disease. Together, we can raise awareness to fight this tragic but treatable disorder.

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

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Parkinson’s disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Parkinson Disease Association, the Parkinson’s Action Network, the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, and the National Institutes of Health there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson’s, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson’s disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson’s Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson’s disease;

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

PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

WHEREAS, since 2000, it is estimated that more than 500,000 babies have been born with CDH, and only 50 percent of those babies survive; and

WHEREAS, very few people are aware of this disorder; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 1,600 babies in the United States are born with CDH annually; and

WHEREAS, many Vermonters have been diagnosed with CDH and are living with its complications; and

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

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage research and raise awareness, the Vermont joins the Association of Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Research, Awareness and Support, and other interested agencies and organizations, in recognizing the challenges of CDH patients and families in living with this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2014 as

DAY OF CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA AWARENESS

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81); and

WHEREAS, the ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-494) established Enhanced 9-1-1 as a high national priority as part of our Nation's homeland security and public safety; and

WHEREAS, people of all ages use 9-1-1, and it is critical to educate the public of all ages on the proper use of 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and individuals with speech disabilities increasingly communicate with nontraditional text, video and instant messaging communications services and anticipate that these services will be able to connect directly to 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained on the use of 9-1-1, resulting in lives saved which underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread misuse of the 9-1-1 system, including prank and non-emergency calls, which can result in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources;

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

9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH

in Vermont and call upon all government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, businesses leaders, non-profit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe this month with training, events, and activities to educate the public on 9-1-1 and its services.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Dandy-Walker Syndrome is a congenital birth defect of the brain estimated to occur in 1 case per every 2,500 to 5,000 live births; however, this is likely a significant underestimate because of difficulties diagnosing the syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Patients with Dandy-Walker Syndrome present with developmental delay, enlarged head circumference, or signs and symptoms of hydrocephalus; causing pain and trauma for those with the disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Dandy-Walker Alliance, Inc., a non-profit organization, is the only national organization dedicated to raising public awareness about this disease through education, informational activities and non-partisan research; and

WHEREAS, Vermont encourages all Americans to learn about Dandy-Walker Syndrome and hydrocephalus and recognize the achievements of all Americans with a disability, the important role that disabled Americans played throughout the entire history of the United States, and the scientific, literary, and social impact of disabled Americans on our world today.

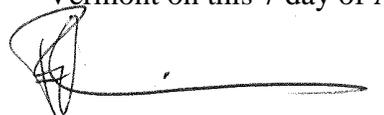
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May, 2014 as

DANDY-WALKER SYNDROME AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014





Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, our state’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS, the International building Code includes safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

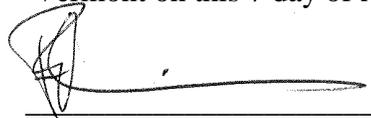
WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

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

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014



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, Northeast has worked for over 25 years on their mission to find the cure for NF; and

WHEREAS, their mission is to find the cure for neurofibromatosis by funding and promoting research, providing hope and support to NF patients, and creating awareness; and

WHEREAS, NF, Northeast is conducting a comprehensive public awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, the NF patients and families of Vermont are determined to make neurofibromatosis a household word; and

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

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 7 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are more than 120,000 Americans, with more than 5,000 in New England who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

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

WHEREAS, we can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Vermont Donor Registry when we apply for - or renew - our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at www.DonateLifeVT.org; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of all people in Vermont who register to become a donor do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles, it is fitting that Vermont join in the national goal of signing up 50 percent of our driving population to become donors and is dedicated to making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Department of Motor Vehicles; and

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

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



DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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 9 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, April marks the 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, only through the continued cooperation, commitment and support of all Vermonters can barriers to fair housing be permanently removed from our state;

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

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15 day of April, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

QUOD.CIVIBUS.NOTUM.SIT.OMNIBUS

**CUM, ET.NUNC.ET.IN.OMNE.AEVUM.DISCIPULI.IN.LUDIS
SUPERIORIBUS.OPERAM.LINGUAE.LANINAE.DAREDEBEANT**

**CUMQUE, USUI.OMNIBUS.SIT.LINUA.LATINA.ET.BENE
DICENDO.LINGUAM.ANGLICAM.ET.EAM.VALDE SCRIBENDO**

**CUM.QUOQUE, OMNIA.QUAE.AD.HOC.STUDIUM.PERTINEANT.ET LUDIS.
SUPERIORIBUS.ET.IN.UNIVERSITATE VIRDMONTANA.AGI.DEBEANT.ET**

**CUM.DENIQUE, III.ID.APR.MULTI.LUDORUM.DISCIPULI.IN.REPUBLICA.
VIRIDIMONTANA.QUI.REBUS.LATINS.OCCUPATI.SUNT.IN.UNIVERSITATE.VIRDIS.
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DECRETUM.MANU.MEA.ATQUE.SIGILLO.IPSE.CONFIRMAVI**



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 10 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Petrus Shumlin
Gubernator

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, libraries help lives change in their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians work to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

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

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

WHEREAS, libraries offer programs to meet community needs for cultural, educational and recreational learning opportunities; 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 13-19, 2014 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Vermont and encourage all Vermonters to visit their library this week to take advantage of the vast array of library resources and programs available in their communities and to thank their librarians and library workers for making these services available. Lives change @ your library!



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Vermont, trees are a way of life and are integral to our economy and well-being; and

WHEREAS, trees can create jobs and increase home values; keep our air clean to breathe and our water safe to drink; promote physical fitness and improve mental health; mitigate the impacts of climate change and provide habitat for native animals; and

WHEREAS, 160 million of Vermont's trees are ash. Ash trees are one of the 10 most common trees found in our forests. Ash trees are everywhere and their presence impacts our economy and well-being; and

WHEREAS, ash trees are threatened by the invasive tree pest emerald ash borer. Emerald ash borer has been detected in all states and provinces surrounding Vermont; and

WHEREAS, on Arbor Day, Vermonters are encouraged to celebrate and recognize valuable contribution trees, become active stewards by planting and caring for trees, and helping to look for and prepare for emerald ash borer; and

WHEREAS, the first Friday in May is the day Vermonters come together to celebrate trees and get involved in the care of trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2014 as

ARBOR DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, stroke is the fourth leading cause of death and a leading cause of serious, long-term adult disability in the US; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is an aging population with more than 30 percent of the population expected to be ages 60 and older by 2030 and aging as the number one uncontrollable risk factor for stroke; and

WHEREAS, by increasing awareness in the Vermont community and equipping citizens with practical knowledge, we can work to improve lifestyle behaviors and ultimately reduce the incidence of stroke in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a stroke, knowing the signs and symptoms increases the likelihood of survival and decreases the impact of post-stroke effects on cognitive, physical, and emotional function.

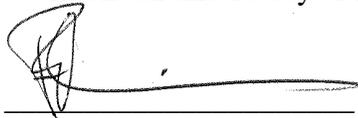
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May, 2014 as



STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
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, 2014 as

PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy the Children's Hemiplegia and Stroke Association provides as they strive to enhance public awareness of Pediatric Stroke.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

WHEREAS, on average, there are 418 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

WHEREAS, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and

WHEREAS, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

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

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

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries and deaths.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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, 2014 as

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Vermont and urge all citizens and visitors to explore and enjoy,
protect and conserve Vermont's Great Outdoors.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14 day of April, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
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

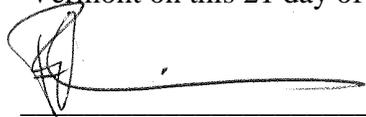
WHEREAS, members of emergency medical services teams put their lives on the line each day in service to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2014 as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 21 day of April, A.D. 2014



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, 2014 as



GRANGE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 24 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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 theme of “Living the Aloha Spirit”; and

WHEREAS, Nursing Home Week begins May 11 and ends May 17, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014 as



NURSING HOME WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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 state of Vermont is aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, the National Recreation & Park Association and the World Waterpark Association 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, waterpark, 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 waterparks;

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



WATER SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 18 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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, and the who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to render aid; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2014 as

DAY OF PRAYER

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8 day of April, A.D. 2014

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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 750 children and youth in traditional, kinship or specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure and stable homes, along with the compassion and nurturing of foster and kinship foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are over 850 dedicated licensed foster and kinship 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, we honor the enduring and valuable contributions of foster, kinship foster and adoptive parents and so many others who make the foster care system the supportive network that it is;

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



FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5 day of May, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the month of May 2014 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;

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

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 2 day of May, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there is a broadening recognition at the state and national level about the importance of early childhood; and

WHEREAS, Governor Shumlin commissioned an Early Childhood Framework and Action Plan in 2013, which will be completed and implemented this year and coincides with the \$36.9 million 4-year Early Learning Challenge Race to the Top Grant Vermont awarded in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Winston Prouty Center for Child Development was one of the first programs in the country aimed exclusively for preschool children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, The Winston Prouty Center provides inclusive education and family support to promote the success of children and families through its Early Learning Center, as well as Children's Integrated Services (CIS), the state of Vermont's program for providing support to young children (0 to 6) and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Winston Prouty Center will celebrating its 45th year in 2014 and hosting its "25th and Final Annual Taste of the Town" fundraiser;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2014 as

WINSTON PROUTY CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5 day of May, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Lyme disease and associated Tick-Borne diseases are the most common vector-borne diseases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is the fastest growing vector-borne disease and endemic in the State of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, individuals in whom the disease is not diagnosed early, and who are not treated adequately, can suffer long-term health complications; and

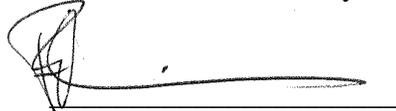
WHEREAS, the prevention of Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses is best accomplished by a combination of public awareness, ongoing education of medical and mental health professionals, environmental measures, and personal protections such as insect repellants, clothing barriers and daily tick checks;

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

LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont and urge all Vermonters to learn about Lyme and other tick-borne diseases and the best ways to prevent, diagnose and treat these diseases in a timely and effective manner.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22 day of May, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is among the most common acquired neurological diseases of young adults in North America; and

WHEREAS, the etiology of the disease remains unknown, and treatment remains incomplete and is poorly understood; and

WHEREAS, MS is a chronic disease in which there is a loss of muscular coordination due to damage to the central nervous system; and

WHEREAS, many people in our state suffer from this disease and some are able to lead normal, productive lives, but many more are affected to the point that they are no longer able to work; and

WHEREAS, through education and a better understanding of MS, a cure for this disabling disease may one day be found;

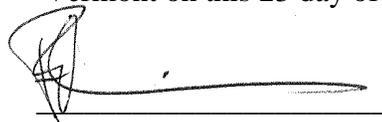
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2014 as

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23 day of May, A.D. 2014





Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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 policy makers; 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 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, there are approximately 8 million people in the United States with PAD; 12 to 20 percent of American people older than 60 have PAD; and

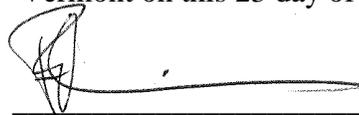
WHEREAS, people with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team. The specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the second week of June, 2014 as

VASCULAR NURSES WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23 day of May, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, ten university presidents gathered to change the face of higher education, establishing a consortium of colleges and universities called the Union for Research and Experimentation in Higher Education, a forward-facing institution that evolved over the years to become Union Institute & University; and

WHEREAS, Union Institute & University pioneered many of the concepts now common in higher education, including distance education, individualized self-paced programs, and an abiding commitment to adults seeking transformative education; and

WHEREAS, Union Institute & University today spans the nation, with academic centers in New England, Florida, California, anchored by its headquarters in Cincinnati, serving 2,000 students in low residency and online bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs; and

WHEREAS, more than 15,500 highly motivated adults have graduated from its academic programs, having been served by dedicated staff and faculty; all bound by the university's vision to engage, enlighten, and empower motivated adults in their pursuit of a lifetime of learning and service; and

WHEREAS, Union alumni have benefitted from Union's emphasis on social responsibility, impacting all sectors of our society by serving as executives and nonprofit leaders, healthcare and wellness experts, authors and artists, psychologists and counselors, multicultural scholars and clergy, law enforcement officers, and elected officials at all levels, including a long serving congressman and the first female prime minister of Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, countless scholars have called Union their academic home and have greatly influenced the field of higher education, including more than 15 graduates who have held the Office of President in numerous institutions of higher education; and

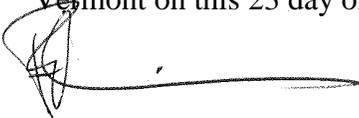
WHEREAS, Union Institute & University commits that in the next 50 years, it will continue to challenge minds, touch hearts, and transform the lives of adults who view learning as a lifetime adventure and commitment to be shared with the world around them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby give my congratulations on the

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION INSTITUTE AND UNIVERSITY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23 day of May, A.D. 2014



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 June 8-14, 2014 as

CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2 day of June, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Onion River Jazz band was formed at First Congregational Church in Burlington Vermont in 1984 to conduct a Jazz Worship Service under the auspices of The Reverend Martin B. Copenhaver; and

WHEREAS, Steve Young, Host, The Evening Jazz Program Vermont Public Radio, declared The Onion River Jazz Band as Vermont's premier Traditional Jazz Band; and

WHEREAS, The Onion River Jazz Band has lifted the hearts and stirred the souls of the people of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, ORJB has faithfully preserved the classic jazz music of such notables as Joe "King" Oliver, Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington and Fats Waller; and

WHEREAS, ORJB has appeared numerous times in Burlington's First Night Celebration and the Discover Jazz Festival; and

WHEREAS, ORJB has performed in major Vermont venues including: Basin Harbor Club, Flynn Theater Main Stage, Paramount Theater, Chandler Music Hall, Vergennes Opera House, Barre Opera House, Round Barn and Castleton On The Green; and

WHEREAS, ORJB has conducted Jazz Worship Services in local churches and appeared in Senior Centers throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, ORJB has helped raise relief funds for Haiti and Hurricane Irene;

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

ONION RIVER JAZZ BAND MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is a 35,000 member strong organization established by Congress in 1939; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary serving in the State of Vermont on its inland waterways provide recreational boater safety education, training, accident prevention, paddle craft safety programs, in support of the United States Coast Guard missions; and

WHEREAS, all members of the organization live by one motto, Semper Paratus, meaning “Always Ready,” and are also known as America’s Volunteer Lifesavers; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Authorization Act, passed by Congress in 1996, allows the Auxiliary to assist the Coast Guard, as authorized by the Commandant, in the performance of any Coast Guard function, duty, role, mission or operation allowed by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2014 as

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DAY

in Vermont in observance of the 75th National Anniversary and as a salute to those who serve.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2 day of June, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, we must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and health care providers understand, recognize and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as Scoliosis; and

WHEREAS, Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause (idiopathic), is a condition affecting 2-3% of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States. Scoliosis is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age or economic status; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize health care yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS, screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition;

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

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this ___ day of June, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create jobs in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

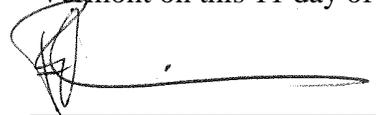
WHEREAS, despite these countless contributions, the role of immigrants in building and enriching our nation has frequently been overlooked and undervalued throughout our history and continuing to the present day;

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

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize on July 26, 2014

**THE STATE OF VERMONT CHAMPION FROM THE HARPOON CHAMPIONSHIPS
OF NEW ENGLAND BARBECUE CONTEST**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Green Mountain Payroll Association, a Vermont chapter of the American Payroll Organization, is celebrating its twentieth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The American Payroll Organization is a national organization representing more than 21,000 payroll professionals around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Green Mountain Payroll Associations serves payroll professionals throughout the entire State of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of the Green Mountain Payroll Association are: to provide an opportunity for networking and interchange of ideas, to advance the payroll profession, to offer an opportunity for growth and leadership to our membership, and to provide bi-monthly programs in an effort to promote professional development;

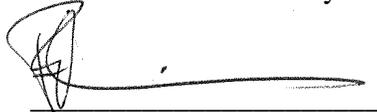
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize

THE GREEN MOUNTAIN PAYROLL ASSOCIATION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014





Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90% of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy results in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under 18. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergy, and scientists do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the safety and inclusion of individuals with food allergies while relentlessly seeking a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014 as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 15 day of April, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, June 30, 2014 will be the fifth annual Arthrogyposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogyposis is defined as multiple congenital (from birth) joint contracture or multiple joints that are stuck in one position and have very little flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogyposis is an umbrella diagnosis with many syndromes and subtypes and occurs in approximately 1 in 3,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, Arthrogyposis is caused by an unborn baby not moving properly during fetal development; and

WHEREAS, Stretching, various therapies (physical, occupational, speech etc.) and some surgical interventions can help improve someone's independence level and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, AMC Awareness Day is sponsored by Arthrogyposis Multiplex Congenita Support Inc. (AMCSI), a fully volunteer based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts yearly conferences and maintains a free online message board system;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2014 as

ARTHROGRYPOSIS AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont has a long and proud tradition of volunteer citizen service to community government; and

WHEREAS, R. Arnold Ricks has served the Village of Old Bennington for 40 years as Trustee and Highway Commissioner; and

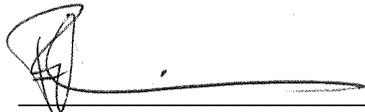
WHEREAS, he has just retired at age 90 from his Village positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2014 as

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ARNOLD RICKS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11 day of June, A.D. 2014



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, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and

WHEREAS, Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

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

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 9-15, 2014 (the week ending on Father's Day) as

MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23 day of May, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Gail Weymouth's final day as Library Director at the Sherburne Memorial Library was February 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, her 30 year career was marked by a dedication to education and to curating a collection that engaged young and more experienced readers alike; and

WHEREAS, of all the many positive changes during her 30 year tenure, the most obvious was the construction of the new library on River Road; and

WHEREAS, today upwards of 100 people visit the library on a busy day and with Gail at the helm, the library has expanded from 14 hours per week to 39 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, The Sherburne Memorial was one of the first libraries in the state to provide Internet access for the public and has become one of the most innovative in the state under Gail's leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Killington area is eternally grateful for the dedication and leadership of Gail Weymouth;

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

GAIL WEYMOUTH

on the occasion of her retirement and thank her for her 30 years of service.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23 day of June, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, recent student-related housing fires in Indiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin and other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, approximately 87 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 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, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced;

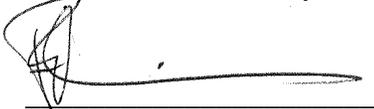
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September, 2014 as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 2 day of July, A.D. 2014




Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, nearly 1,650 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, and approximately 7,800 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War and over 75,000 from WWII; and

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

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

WHEREAS, U.S. service members continue to serve at significant personal risk, and we have profound gratitude for the courage, determination, and resolve of POWs and MIAs, and remain mindful of their families, friends, and fellow veterans who continue to wait for a resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2014 as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2 day of July, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one’s overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 2.5 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 34.1 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the state of Vermont invite all residents to participate in National Recovery Month;

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

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2 day of July, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, first responders risk their own safety and personal property in the execution of their duties to protect the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, first responders are the first line of defense for the public against threats, both domestic and foreign; and

WHEREAS, first responders stand at the ready to come to the aid of the citizens of the United States of America 24 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, first responders are a vital part of our communities, not only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering our schools and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Individuals, both career and volunteer, from police, fire, emergency medical services, search and rescue, and other organizations in the public safety sector, come together as a collective to aid the public in the event of an emergency;

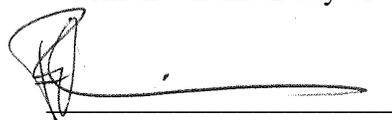
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2014 as

FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 2 day of July, A.D. 2014




Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Club will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Kiwanis Swimming Pool, which opened on July 23, 1944; and

WHEREAS, construction of the pool was prompted due to the many drowning accidents of youngsters swimming in local rivers; and

WHEREAS, when construction started it was during World War II. To garner metal for the building of the pool the Kiwanis Club requested and was granted special dispensation from the US Government to seek out and procure metal which was fashioned into rebar used in the construction. Citizens and service clubs eagerly searched out scrap metal in all sorts of places to donate to the cause; and

WHEREAS, the pool officially opened on July 23, 1944 to the delight of the citizens of St. Johnsbury and surrounding communities. From then until now swimming lessons were and are given to all who wanted them; and

WHEREAS, the pool has been continually opened to youngsters and families from all towns surrounding St. Johnsbury and beyond, no one is ever refused entrance and no one is ever charged to swim. The pool continues to be heralded by the community and by Kiwanis International as a huge achievement to the spirit of Kiwanis; and

WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club hires local high school and college students who are, at the club's expense, trained and certified by the Red Cross as life guards and swim coaches. Several years ago the club added a baby pool for mothers to relax in with infants and toddlers while their children are taking lessons;

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

THE ST. JOHNSBURY KIWANIS CLUB

in Vermont on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Kiwanis Swimming Pool.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 2 day of July, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Court of the United States," approved September 24, 1789, directed the appointment of United States Marshals and launched the United States Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, during 225 years of service, United States Marshals have executed warrants, distributed presidential proclamations, registered enemy aliens in time of war, helped conduct the national census, protected the President and the Federal courts, provided for the custody and transportation of Federal prisoners, maintained and disposed of seized and forfeited properties, ensured the safe conduct of judicial proceedings, protected Federal judges and jurors and other members of the Federal judiciary, provided for the security of witnesses and directed and coordinated fugitive task forces to apprehend dangerous fugitives; and

WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2013, the Marshals apprehended more than 36,000 federal fugitives, clearing approximately 39,100 felony warrants. Working with authorities at the federal, state, and local levels, U.S. Marshals-led fugitive task forces arrested more than 74,200 state and local fugitives, clearing 134,099 state and local felony warrants; and

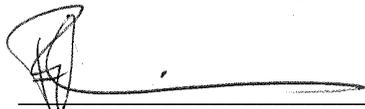
WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States Marshals Service have served the Nation and this State valiantly with dedication to justice, integrity, and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2014 as

U.S. MARSHALS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 3 day of July, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, on this 5th day of July, 2014 we celebrate the opening of The Marble Mill; and

WHEREAS, this new building located in Manchester Center, Vermont is a tremendous addition and asset to Manchester and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Manchester is a town with a rich history and a vibrant future. The Marble Mill is celebrated as the first new commercial venture in Manchester in more than five years and will stimulate economic energy in Manchester and Vermont; and

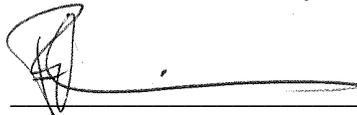
WHEREAS, The Marble Mill was designed, developed and built by Vermont architects, contractors and artisans embracing historic New England architectural features such as Vermont serpentine stone sitting walls, flower gardens and open stone plazas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 5, 2014 as

THE MARBLE MILL GRAND OPENING

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 27 day of June, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, lakes and reservoirs are among Vermont's most valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, lakes and reservoirs provide drinking water, irrigation, energy, recreation, scenic beauty, and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these beneficial uses have been of vital importance to Vermont's history, growth and financial health; and

WHEREAS, our lakes and reservoirs improve the quality of life for all of Vermont's residents and their importance should not go unnoticed; and

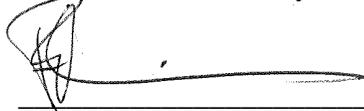
WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes the need to protect these lakes and reservoirs for future generations;

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

LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 8 day of July, A.D. 2014



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

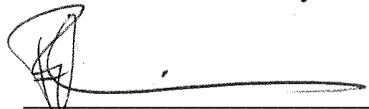
WHEREAS, Vermont is fortunate to be home to many great manufacturing businesses, many of which are world leaders in their respective fields;

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

NATIONAL MANUFACTURING MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9 day of July, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, more than one in seven Vermonters is affected by hunger and more than 24,000 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 9, 2014 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 23 day of July, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and 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 Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen in Burlington, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

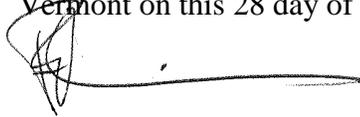
WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer;

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

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 28 day of July, A.D. 2014



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, Recreational 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, A collaboration among state and local residents, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

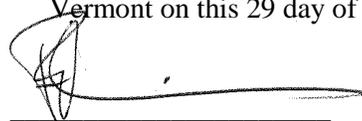
WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation. State and City Park systems throughout the nation join with federal agencies such as The Bureau of Land Management, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service to deliver 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 27, 2014 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29 day of July, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, This year marks the ninth annual CHaD HERO in the Town of Hanover, NH, for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock; and

WHEREAS, CHaD HERO benefits the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD) and has become an important family focused, motivational, fundraising event for the community of Hanover, families, patients, caregivers and friends of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock; and

WHEREAS, Over the first eight years the CHaD HERO has had over thirteen thousand participants run or walk over 93,287.7 miles and raised more than 2.9 million dollars to support the vital programs provided by CHaD to the children in the region; and

WHEREAS, Participants, volunteers, CHaD staff, families of CHaD patients and former CHaD patients have given of their time, their energy, their support and their belief in CHaD to make this a successful top fundraising event for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2014 as

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT DARTMOUTH-HITCHCOCK DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 29 day of July, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, September 14-20, 2014, has been declared National Child Passenger Safety Week; and

WHEREAS, In Vermont in 2013, five children under age 18 were killed and 276 injured as passengers of cars, SUV, pickups and vans in traffic crashes. For children age 1 to 13, it is a leading cause of death. It is hard to overstate the toll this takes on families, but together we can help put an end to this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the best thing families can do to safeguard the health and well-being of our children is to establish safety habits that set a pattern for safety for the rest of their lives, and this week must extend beyond child safety seats and seat belts to include good safety habits for young pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, parents and guardians must make sure that children age 13 and under always ride in the back seat, buckled up or properly installed in child safety seats, and a rear-facing child seat should never be placed in the front seat of a motor vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag; and

WHEREAS, child passenger protection laws require proper restraints for younger children and safety belt use by older children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2014 as

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

in Vermont and urge citizens to help reduce injuries and the tragic loss of life on our roads by buckling up every child in an approved restraint in the back seat.



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**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community-based providers of comprehensive primary and preventive health care, including oral and behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Community Health Centers provide care to one in four Vermonters, delivering more care per capita than in any other state in the country; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers offer service regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay; and

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

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers are staffed by health professionals who have chosen to serve communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary care and preventive health services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Community Health Centers help contain overall health care costs through integrated preventive and primary care health services, treating the whole person;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 10-16, 2014 as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Vermont and encourage Vermonters to visit a local community health center.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 11th day of August, A.D. 2014.


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 2014 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 2014 as

LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of September, A.D. 2014

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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 7-14, 2014 as

KINSHIP CARE WEEK

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



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2014

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**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 2014 as

CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

in Vermont.



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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, an estimated 2,360 men in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and an estimated 430 men each year will die from the disease; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the men who have lost their lives to breast cancer, and in support of those who are currently fighting this often overlooked disease, it is appropriate to designate October 19 through October 25, 2014 as "Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014 as

MALE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.



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A Proclamation

WHEREAS, pain is a major public health problem and the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million adult Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities as well as adversely impacts pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to inform, empower and advocate on behalf of our 35,000 members throughout the country and all those who live with chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain result in better outcomes, increased access to good pain care and empowerment and validation for those living with pain;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont, do hereby proclaim September, 2014 as Pain Awareness Month in the State of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2014



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A Proclamation

WHEREAS, creativity has been a core component of Vermont's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, incorporating that creativity into ideas, involving clay, metal, fiber, wood, and anything else at hand, led to products that helped the people of our state to be sustained and grow; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Annual American Craft Week invites people around the world to celebrate American-made goods through celebrations and exhibitions by artists and craftspeople from October 3-12 this year; and

WHEREAS, Vermont craftspeople and artists participate in the statewide Fall Open Studio Weekend on October 4-5, as well as other Vermont events that focus on our creative culture; and

WHEREAS, Vermont was the first state to recognize the importance of American Craft Week by becoming its first state sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Vermont State Craft Centers and other galleries throughout the state encourage recognition of the value of locally made goods as part of our creative economy;

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

AMERICAN CRAFT MONTH

in Vermont.



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Vermont on this ___ day of September, A.D. 2014

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Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Montpelier Kiwanis Club was chartered on March 14, 1939; and

WHEREAS, the members of the club have now served the community with distinction for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, 75 years of community service are both noteworthy and commendable; and

WHEREAS, the Montpelier Kiwanis Club has been especially helpful in the assistance and development of children, the primary focus of Kiwanis,

WHEREAS, Vermonters, including the governor, extend their thanks to the members of the Montpelier Kiwanis Club; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2014,

MONTPELIER KIWANIS CLUB DAY

in the State of Vermont.



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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, neuroendocrine tumors/tumors (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/tumors; 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, 2014 as

NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

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Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a debilitating neurological disorder; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is caused by a single gene mutation that disrupts brain development; and

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome occurs in one of every 10,000 to 15,000 births, and mostly affects females; and

WHEREAS, children with Rett Syndrome usually begin to exhibit symptoms between six months and 18 months of age; and

WHEREAS, children with Rett Syndrome lose acquired skills, including their ability to walk and speak; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of Rett Syndrome will lead to better understanding of the disorder and the challenges faced by those living with the syndrome;

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

RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Vermont

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Vermont on this 10th day of September, A.D. 2014



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**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, suicide is now the second leading cause of death for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2013 *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*, 21 percent of all students reported that they felt sad or hopeless every day for two weeks, while almost half of the LGBTQ community reported the same; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 percent of students reporting feeling sad or hopeless, 11 percent also reported making a suicide plan. Devastatingly three times as many LGBTQ students reported making a plan; and

WHEREAS, barriers to getting help include overcoming the stigma associated with reaching out to get help, teaching service providers to recognize when individuals are at risk, and connecting them with appropriate support; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable if adults, parents, caregivers, school personnel and the medical community know what to look for and provide early intervention; and

WHEREAS, resources have been developed through a Coalition of representatives from public health, education, suicide prevention advocacy, survivor groups, youth leadership, law enforcement, Vermont 2-1-1, state agencies and private mental health services and include opportunities for faculty and staff, students and community; and

WHEREAS, available resources include:

- **Umatter for Youth** <http://www.umatterucangethelp.org/>
- **Umatter for Adult Gatekeepers** <http://umatterucanhelp.com/>
- **Vermont and National Programs** <http://www.umatterucanhelp.org/index.php/resources>
- **VT Suicide Prevention Center** <http://www.sprc.org/states/vermont>
- **The Trevor Project** <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- **Agency of Education Health Education Resource Center**
<http://education.vermont.gov/health-education/resource-center>
- **VT 2-1-1** 24 hour phone service

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2014 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of September, A.D. 2014



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A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, September 15-19, 2014 has been designated National Health Information Technology Week by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society; and

WHEREAS, National Health IT Week is a collaborative forum and virtual awareness week that assembles key healthcare constituents dedicated to working together to elevate the necessity of advancing health through the best use of information technology and the exchange of clinical healthcare information; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. is a partner organization in National Health IT Week, and is the state designated entity to operate the Vermont Health Information Exchange; and

WHEREAS, Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, was the keynote speaker at Vermont Information Technology Leaders' annual Healthcare Summit on September 9, and paid tribute to the progress and leadership demonstrated by Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Health Information Technology is recognized as an critical component of achieving better health care outcomes for Vermont's citizens

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 15-19, 2014 as

**VERMONT HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK
in the State of Vermont**

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11th day of September, A.D. 2014



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Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, lung cancer kills 159,260 Americans every year, more than any other form of cancer; and

WHEREAS, more than 390 Vermonters die annually from lung 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 17 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 14 percent through early detection, including low-dose CT screening; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 224,210 new cases of lung cancer are expected in 2014; 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 21 percent among men while increasing 116 percent among women; and

WHEREAS, Vermonters are encouraged to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer;

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

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11th day of September, A.D. 2014



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

WHEREAS, more than 101,000 in the United States foster care system are awaiting 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 22, 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 all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2014 as

ADOPTION DAY

in the State of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 11th day of September, A.D. 2014



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Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

WHEREAS, case management is a medical management strategy that fosters the careful shepherding of health care 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 health care outcomes; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2014 as

CASE MANAGEMENT WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of September, A.D. 2014



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A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont is committed to equal educational opportunities by identifying obstacles to educational advancement and success and endeavoring to remove those obstacles without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ancestry, place of birth, physical or mental condition, of HIV status; and

WHEREAS, literacy and numeracy are critical skills needed for educational success and research shows students who read on grade level by third grade vastly outperform their peers who did not throughout their educational careers; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the National Institutes of Health indicated as many as one in every five individuals struggle with dyslexia and related learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction; and

WHEREAS, secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge; and

WHEREAS, national research shows that more than 30% of juveniles involved with the criminal justice system have a learning disability; and
Whereas, 87 percent of adult, nonviolent offenders in Vermont struggle with basic literacy, and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health report that dyslexia can be identified at 51/2 years old with a 92% accuracy; and

WHEREAS, teachers and students across the state of Vermont would benefit from increased educator professional training about dyslexia and the scientifically-based teaching strategies designed to better educate students with dyslexia; and

WHEREAS, parents and educators of students who struggle to overcome dyslexia across Vermont and the nation have come together to advocate for reforms to support their children.

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

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of September, A.D. 2014

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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 156,420 new cases expected to be diagnosed in 2014: and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma and other blood cancers will kill an estimated 55,350 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 not someday, but today;

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

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont

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WHEREAS, the citizens of Vermont stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills; support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, afterschool programs promote positive relationships and engage youth, families, adults, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; 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 23, 2014, 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;

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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2014 as

LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 17th day of September, AD 2014.



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, our children are our greatest resource, as well as our greatest responsibility; and

WHEREAS, parents and stepparents play a critical role in the development of a child; and

WHEREAS, parenting can be more than a biological relationship; and

WHEREAS, many children are being cared for and nurtured with the help of stepparents, often from early childhood to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the presence of a stepparent in a child's life can help build a healthy family;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2014 as

STEPPARENTS DAY

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17th day of September, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in Vermont, improving the water quality of our streams, rivers, lakes and ponds and protecting public health are important shared values of all Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, over 55% of Vermonters dispose of the wastewater from their homes and businesses through the use of onsite septic systems; and

WHEREAS, in order to be permitted, Vermont's onsite septic systems must meet strict siting, design, and installation criteria; and

WHEREAS, septic systems that are not properly maintained can lead to the system's failure resulting in raw sewage polluting Vermont's land and waterways, contaminating drinking water and contributing excess nutrients to lakes, rivers and groundwaters, thereby creating environmental and public health hazards; and

WHEREAS, educating the public about water quality, septic systems and system maintenance will enable Vermonters to do their part in protecting Vermont's environment and public health for this and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 22-26, 2014 as

SEPTIC-SMART WEEK

in Vermont and encourage all Vermonters to join in this observance.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
on this 18th day of September, A.D. 2014.



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

WHEREAS, 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 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 technology companies, and it will continue to be a destination for these innovative hi-tech companies; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 2014 as

TECHNOLOGY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of September, A.D. 2014.



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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 42 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 proclaim September 21-27, 2014

NATIONAL 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 23rd day of September, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, information literacy is the ability to find, interpret and analyze different forms of information from all sources which are key components of effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, industrial, agricultural and entrepreneurial fields; and

WHEREAS, information literacy also includes the ability to create and communicate information through print and digital formats that are essential for exchanging ideas and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Vermont librarians, educators, and information specialists play a vital role in teaching individuals of all ages how to find, evaluate, and use information from a diverse array of sources in a constantly changing world; and

WHEREAS, information literacy as taught in schools and libraries is a crucial part of education and will expose learners to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for highly skilled jobs in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, information literacy represents an important workforce need in Vermont that facilitates personal and organizational productivity in an increasingly digital and interconnected world; and

WHEREAS, information literacy is a foundation for an engaged citizenry, vital to economic prosperity, social cohesion, the success of the democratic process, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life;

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

INFORMATION LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23rd day of September, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Galway Kinnell was born in Providence, RI in 1927, received his BA from Princeton in 1948 and his MA from University of Rochester in 1949; and

WHEREAS, his poetry has been published in 26 different books or chapbooks, and far more if you count the dozen or so anthologies and multiple periodicals ranging from the American Book Review to The New Yorker and the Yale Review; and

WHEREAS, he has translated seven works of poetry, published numerous essays, speeches, interviews, a novel set in Iran, and even a children's book titled, "How the Alligator Missed Breakfast;" and

WHEREAS, an early Fulbright Scholarship allowed him to travel the world as a young man, he later received, in 1983, both a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award for his 1982 anthology of "Selected Poems" which, in turn, set him up to receive the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship in 1984 ; and

WHEREAS, though published by Houghton Mifflin, something told him he should spend at least a little time at Knopf where, during his short hiatus there, he met and eventually married (17 years ago) his editor, Bobbie Bristol; and

WHEREAS, they have made their home in Sheffield, Vermont since the early 1990s, which has allowed Galway to continue to bring his own poems as well as those of other well-known poets to places throughout the Northeast Kingdom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, his poetry has caused unusual behaviors among his many fans, including turning a perfectly respectable physician by day into a published poet by night; and two anonymous female fans who, upon being locked out of a reading at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, found an unlocked window (on the side facing away from the Police Station next door), and snuck in anyway; and

WHEREAS, he has taught writing and/or poetry at no fewer than 24 colleges and universities throughout the world, including at his own alma mater, Princeton, the University of Iran, Tehran, the University of Hawaii, and Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia; and

WHEREAS, he was the first Vermont State Poet selected during the Kunin Administration to serve in that role, replacing Robert Frost who had held the position despite being dead for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, his objections to the change of the title to Poet Laureate from State Poet were, first, that "State Poet" was good enough for Robert Frost and thus good enough for him, and second, he regarded the post in the same way his State Bird colleague, the Hermit Thrush, did—as an honor that obliged them both to sing; and

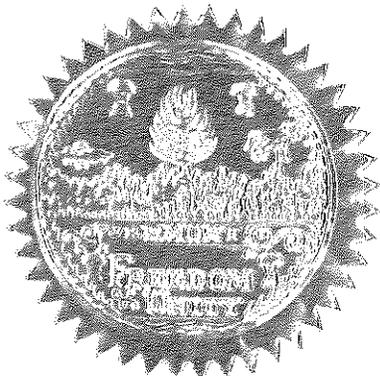
WHEREAS, his life serves as an inspiration to Vermonters and aspiring Vermonters, wherever they live and whatever their occupation happens to be, as evidenced by the nearly 250 people who packed the Vermont State House in August 2014 to celebrate his life and his work;

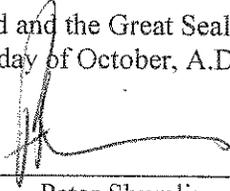
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim that

GALWAY KINNELL

is the recipient of the Vermont Arts Council's
2014 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7th day of October, A.D. 2014.




Peter Shumlin
Governor

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, on this 8th day of October, 2014 we celebrate the completion of Winstanley Enterprises 2.5 megawatt solar project; and

WHEREAS, the newly constructed solar array will greatly benefit the community of Brattleboro, Vermont with a new renewable energy source; and

WHEREAS, the project has employed a local workforce in excess of 75 people with more than 18,000 labor hours and involvement from local solar firm Integrated Solar in partnership with REC Solar; and

WHEREAS, this project is the largest of its kind to date in southeastern Vermont and is an important step for Vermont in reaching its energy goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2014 as

BRATTLEBORO SOLAR PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 7th day of October, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, John Cassel grew up in New Jersey and came to Vermont in 1960 as an Army Reservist; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel fell in love with Vermont, and made his home in East Fairfield with his wife, Becky; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel was a mainstay of Vermont's music scene for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel performed regularly at the Trapp Family Lodge and is remembered by the von Trapp family for his music, energy, and generous spirit; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel entertained and inspired Vermonters and visitors alike with his music, talent and kindness; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel passed away unexpectedly at the age of 78 on September 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Cassel will be remembered as a musical legend, and for his tremendous contributions as a musician, composer and Vermonter.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby join countless others in recognizing and remembering John Cassel of East Fairfield, Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 13th day of October, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, The Vermont Principals' Association has declared the month of October 2014 as 'National Principals' Month' in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals working with the U.S. Congress to designate 'National Principals Month' and resolutions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Vermont Principals' Association honors such exemplary elementary, middle level and high school principals as well as public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from prekindergarten to grade twelve (Pre-K-12) in their profession, and who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in Vermont elementary and secondary schools; and to encourage residents of Vermont to observe "Principals' Month" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education;

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

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this day of September, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting, and responding to cyber threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective security and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, the Stop.Think.Connect.TM (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) has been designated as the National Public Awareness Campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework and DHS's Critical Infrastructure Cyber Community (C3) Voluntary Program have been developed as free resources to help organizations (large and small, both public and private) implement Cybersecurity Framework and improve their cyber practices through a practical approach to addressing evolving threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, in support of the Cybersecurity Framework and to better assist business and government entities in addressing cyber threats, the Center for Internet Security/Multi-State ISAC, the Council on CyberSecurity, the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council, and public and private sector entities have developed an effort to promote good cyber practices through actionable guidance for government and businesses, and to promote innovation, strengthen cybersecurity investment and enhance resilience across all sectors; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the State of Vermont's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/cyber), the CIS/Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (www.msisac.org), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), the Council on CyberSecurity (www.counciloncybersecurity.org/) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these sites, along with <http://itsecurity.vermont.gov/> and the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign website (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect or 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 the State of Vermont is officially supporting National Cyber Security Awareness Month and the Public Awareness Campaign, Stop.Think.Connect.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of October, A.D. 2014

Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the month of November 2014 has been designated as National Disability Employment 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby recognize November 2014 as

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

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 22nd day of October, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are more than 192,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners in the United States, with 521 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

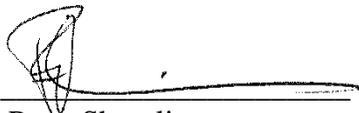
WHEREAS, more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 9-15, 2014 as

NATIONAL NURSE PRACTITIONERS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 22nd day of October, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** October 30, 2014 marks National Weatherization Day as proclaimed by the US Department of Energy; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont has a long-standing commitment to conserving energy and helping low-income households through its Weatherization Assistance Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the high cost of energy has a major impact on low-income households in Vermont, making the Weatherization Assistance Program a vital resource to many, especially during these difficult economic times; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1996, the Weatherization Assistance Program has helped approximately 22,000 Vermont households save fuel and money by improving the energy efficiency of their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** for every \$1.00 invested, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society; and
- WHEREAS,** energy savings average 20% of consumption for the typical low-income home pre-weatherization consumption; and
- WHEREAS,** weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels of oil annually; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont delivers the Weatherization Assistance Program in partnership with five community agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** it is important to recognize programs that help ensure all residents — particularly older Vermonters, people with disabilities, and families with children — have the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, and energy efficient homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2014 as

NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State
of Vermont this 23rd day of October A.D. 2014.



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, stomach cancer is the fifth most common cancer worldwide; and

WHEREAS, out of 22,200 new cases diagnosed a year in the United States, 11,000 will die in the first year of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, 35 percent of stomach cancer in the United States is diagnosed at stage IV, which only has a 4 percent five year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, in the United States it is estimated that more than 74,000 people are currently living with stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, overall survival rate in the United States for stomach cancer is 28 percent; stomach cancer mortality rates have remained relatively unchanged over the past 30 years; and

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



BRING STOMACH CANCER MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Commendation**

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino of Rutland, Vermont celebrated fifty years as an educator in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino became an active member of the Vermont Geographic Alliance in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in the subsequent 22 years Mary Cassarino has worked tirelessly to promote geographic education to Vermont educators; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino served as a beloved member of the alliance steering committee from 1992 until 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino has served as an associate coordinator and Geography Action! outreach coordinator for the Vermont Geographic Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino has been a longtime supporter of the National Geographic State Geography Bee; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino helped to develop the Giant Traveling Map of Vermont and its associated lesson plans; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino helped to develop and promote Mission Geography, curriculum support materials that link the content, skills, and perspectives of national geography standards with the missions, research, and science of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cassarino's tireless efforts to strengthen the Vermont Geographic Alliance through strategic planning, education, professional development, and outreach to Vermont students and teachers has benefited the teachers and students of Vermont and improved the quality of geography education in the state;

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

MARY CASSARINO

for her countless contributions to geography education in the State of Vermont and congratulate her for fifty years as an educator.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of October, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Commendation**

WHEREAS, the New England Equitation Championships (NEEC) were established to support what could be accomplished when junior horsemen and horsewomen work together for the good of the sport and each other and as such have hosted the Challenge of the States Invitational for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, over 200 of the region's top junior riders from across New England competed in this year's Challenge of the States Invitational; and

WHEREAS, as part of this event, each team is required to self-manage and self-organize to compete in this event without the assistance of their trainers or parents; and

WHEREAS, since its inception over 20 years ago, Vermont has never fielded a team of riders and won this Championship; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2014 Vermont fielded 2 teams with 5 riders each at this year's Challenge of the States Invitational; and Vermont Team 1 consisting of 5 young horsewomen ranging in age from 14 - 18 years including:

Sunny Drescher of Hinesburg, Vermont
Rhian Murphy of Charlotte, Vermont
Sophie Lenihan of Chester, Vermont
Tess Lenihan of Chester, Vermont
Jacqueline Flynn of Charlotte, Vermont

WHEREAS, a Vermont team won this year's Challenge of the States Invitational for the first time in the history of the competition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby congratulate these young women for being the first riders in Vermont to take the Gold Medal at the 2014 NEEC Challenge of the State Invitational.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of October, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the week of November 16-22, 2014, has been elected Geography Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the world is increasingly interconnected and interdependent, but too many students lack understanding of the world's geography within and beyond our country's borders; and

WHEREAS, Geography Awareness Week promotes geography education in the nation's schools and communities, which is an essential part of a 21st-century geo-education, and has been a congressionally mandated week since 1987; and

WHEREAS, teachers, students, and communities across Vermont will gain further understanding about how our world is made up of interconnected human and natural systems, with special emphasis this year on the 2014 theme of food, using resources developed by the National Geographic Society and other committed organizations during Geography Awareness Week and throughout the school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 16 – 22, 2014 as

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont and at Green Mountain Union High School, and encourage citizens to participate in this observance with students and to share in their geographic research and academic achievement.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the HP Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship Program was founded in 2010 to celebrate and award exemplary Vermont high school seniors with scholarship funds to further their education after high school; and

WHEREAS, the HP Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship Program honors those students who are leaders in their schools, volunteers in their communities and have a desire to plan for their futures; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, more than 3,000 Vermont students statewide have applied to the program to be considered for one of three \$5,000 college scholarships awarded each year to support their Vermont college education; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Vermont students have received a combined total of \$75,000 in scholarship funds; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 HP Hood will award a sixth round of scholarships to high school seniors across New England, totaling an additional \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 6th year of the program, HP Hood's goal is to take the spirit of sportsmanship beyond the walls of the program and inspire all of Vermont's youth to demonstrate sportsmanship within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the HP Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship Program not only remains true to its vision of celebrating sportsmanship with our high school seniors, but is expanding their vision to all of Vermont's youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2014 as

HP HOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, more than 32,000 people are killed each year in crashes on American highways and roads. Many of these fatal car crashes may be avoided by simply exercising patience, caution and awareness on the roads; and

WHEREAS, drivers should prepare themselves for the unpredictable behaviors other drivers, disabled vehicles, spilled cargo, adverse weather conditions and many other potential dangers that they may encounter on roadways. Remaining focused allows motorists to react quickly and correctly in any situation; and

WHEREAS, it is always important for drivers to focus on driving, eliminate distractions, maintain safe speeds and drive defensively to avoid preventable accidents; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and organizations in Vermont are working to increase awareness of the need for driver safety; and

WHEREAS, the Sunday after the Thanksgiving holiday is traditionally the busiest highway travel day of the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2014 as

DRIVER SAFETY SUNDAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, home care and hospice services allow families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice in Vermont and in the United States are growing alternatives to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to thousands of Vermonters and millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of home care and hospice nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health, palliative care, hospice and support to thousands of Vermonters in need of quality home health and hospice services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for Vermont's disabled, infirm and aging population; and

WHEREAS, the home health and hospice agencies in Vermont and thousands of home care agencies across the United States have declared the month of November 2014 as National Home Care and Hospice Month and are calling on all Vermonters to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

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

VERMONT HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 3rd day of November, A.D. 2014



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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable transportation can provide access to employment, education, health care, daycare, affordable housing and other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Good News Garage, a member of Ascentria Care Alliance, is working to address the need for transportation by appealing for donated cars, trucks and vans, repairing them, and awarding them to low-income Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, the Good News Garage began operations in Vermont in 1996 and today operates in three New England states; and

WHEREAS, this was one of the first programs of its kind in the country and has influenced the start-up of similar programs, which have changed the lives of thousands of people.

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

GOOD NEWS GARAGE MONTH

in Vermont and in recognition and gratitude to Good News Garage and Ascentria Care Alliance for assisting Vermont families on the road to financial independence.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of November, A.D. 2014

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Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses specialize in the care of patients immediately before, during and after surgical and other invasive procedures; and

WHEREAS, serving in settings ranging from traditional hospital-based operating rooms to ambulatory surgery centers and physicians' offices, perioperative nurses work to provide the safest care possible for patients undergoing surgical and other invasive procedures; and

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses assess individual patient needs prior to and throughout the surgical or invasive experience, develop a plan for the care of the patient, and prepare the operating room and patient for their procedure; and

WHEREAS, perioperative nurses are responsible for monitoring all aspects of the patient's condition for the duration of each procedure and, through professional and patient-centered expertise, are responsible for care coordination after the procedure; and

WHEREAS, patients undergoing surgery and other invasive procedures and their loved ones rely on the skills, knowledge and expertise of perioperative registered nurses who uphold a long tradition of improving surgical safety and the quality of patient care; and

WHEREAS, Perioperative Nurse Week recognizes the contributions perioperative registered nurses make to patient safety and the opportunities and challenges facing the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2014 as



PERIOPERATIVE NURSE WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 13th day of November, A.D. 2014

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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

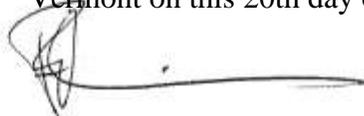
WHEREAS, in addition to giving thanks, Thanksgiving is a time to give back to our communities and to those less fortunate, to be generous with our time and compassionate with our neighbors in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2014 as

THANKSGIVING DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 20th day of November, A.D. 2014



Peter Shumlin
Governor



**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, small businesses represent over 96% of all employers in Vermont and employ 60% of the Vermont private sector workforce; and

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 29, 2014 as



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of November, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, midwinter and Christmas have always been a time for joyous celebration and vigorous expression of ideas; and

WHEREAS, for 40 years Nowell Sing We Clear has been singing and recounting events surrounding the Christmas story and also the ancient customs associated with the winter solstice; and

WHEREAS, Nowell Sing We Clear celebrates Christmas as it was known for centuries in Britain and North America and as it continues in many places to the present; and

WHEREAS, Nowell Sing We Clear furthers these traditions with the presentation of a Mummers Play from Kentucky, typical of the folk dramas that survive to this day symbolizing and portraying the death of the land and its subsequent rebirth in the spring; and

WHEREAS, we therefore recognize that many of our modern holiday customs, visiting, feasting, caroling and adorning homes and churches with evergreen have their roots in antiquity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim Nowell Sing We Clear to be a Vermont Treasure and joyfully recognize and applaud its contributions to our midwinter holiday seasons for the past 40 years. Further, I commend and thank the current four members of Nowell Sing We Clear,

Tony Barrand, John Roberts, Fred Breunig and Andy Davis,

as well as past members and supporters for all they have done through the years to educate us about our roots and to bring an extra measure of joy to this winter season.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 3rd day of December, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Commendation**

WHEREAS, David Rider has been an outstanding teacher in social studies and history education for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has taught at Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has been a teacher for the Vermont Migrant Education Program for five years; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has been Teacher Consultant for the National Geographic Society; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has served on the National Teacher Council for the Bill of Rights Institute; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has served as a consultant to the AP US history redesigned curriculum committee, and has served as a reader for the AP US History Exam for nine years; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has served on the Teacher Advisory Board to the Shelburne Museum; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has served as a member to the Vermont Geographic Bee; and

WHEREAS, David Rider has been selected as the Gilder Lehrman Vermont History 2014 Teacher of the year

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend David Rider for his countless contributions to social studies and history education in the State of Vermont and congratulate him on his selection as the Gilder Lehrman 2014 Vermont History Teacher of the Year.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 10th day of November, A.D. 2014

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Peter Shumlin
Governor