

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ARBOR DAY**

in Vermont.

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

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

Peter Shumlin  
Governor