

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome is a genetic condition that has a high risk of colon cancer as well as other cancers including endometrial cancer (second most common), ovary, stomach, small intestine, pancreas, kidney, upper urinary tract, and brain; 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 studies show that only 5 to 10 percent have been diagnosed; 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 and endometrial 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 22nd, 2016 as

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 11th day of February, A.D. 2016

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

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor