

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

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

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

CRAFT BEER WEEK

in Vermont.



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

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs