

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is conducting its 102nd year of volunteer service to America; and

WHEREAS, year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

WHEREAS, the 465,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, members volunteer nearly 1 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 National President, Francisca Guilford, is rallying VFW Auxiliary members behind her theme, "**Our Veterans – Now and Forever;**" and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2016, the National President will visit Vermont;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 9, 2016 as

OUR VETERANS – NOW AND FOREVER DAY



in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 25th day of February, A.D. 2016

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor