

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 83,000 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, 2015 as

**MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 26th day of February, A.D. 2015



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

