

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the record flooding of 2011 and our history have shown that flooding is Vermont's greatest natural hazard to the citizens, landscape and economy; and
- WHEREAS,** this week marks the 20th Anniversary of the Montpelier Ice Jam Flood of 1992, that demonstrated the unpredictability of ice jams and the considerable property damage and life threatening flood conditions that they can produce; and
- WHEREAS,** whether the cause is due to snowmelt and rainfall that occur each late winter and early spring, including record Lake Champlain flooding in 2011; and
- WHEREAS,** heavy rain producing thunderstorms results in flash flooding during the late spring and summer such as the Route 2 corridor between Montpelier and Lunenburg in May 2011; and
- WHEREAS,** a tropical system, like Irene in 2011, can produce widespread heavy rainfall resulting in historical, devastating, life threatening and landscape altering flooding during the summer and fall; and
- WHEREAS,** NOAA's National Weather Service maintains a dedicated vigilance for threatening weather and flood hazards; and
- WHEREAS,** through partnerships with Local and state agencies, including Vermont Emergency Management, NOAA's National Weather Service is constantly striving to improve its weather warning services and preparedness education for the citizens of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** in the best tradition of public service, NOAA's National Weather Service and Vermont Emergency Management encourages all Vermonters to be aware of the year-round flood hazards in Vermont, and be prepared **BEFORE** and **DURING** periods of hazardous weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 12-16, 2012 as

FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of March, A.D. 2012



/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

