

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, home care, hospice, and palliative care services allow individuals and their families to receive the high-quality care they need in the safety of their own homes, with comfort, independence and dignity; and

WHEREAS, home care, hospice, and palliative care services in Vermont are essential alternatives to hospitalization and other institution-based forms of health care for thousands of Vermonters with acute chronic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated and compassionate team members including nurses, social workers, spiritual counselors, home health aides, therapists and hospice volunteers work tirelessly to provide thousands of Vermonters and their loved ones the clinical, social, spiritual and emotional support they need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, the role of the hospice and palliative care teams does not end, but extends beyond the borders of our state with the ongoing work of the bereavement programs that offer grief support for families through the loss; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for Vermont's disabled, infirm and aging population; and

WHEREAS, advance care planning involves making decisions about the health care an individual would want to receive if he or she were facing a serious or life-limiting illness or if they were unable to speak for themselves; and

WHEREAS, the home health, hospice, and palliative care agencies of Vermont and thousands of agencies across the United States are celebrating home care, hospice and palliative care services in November 2016, and are calling on Vermonters to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

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

VERMONT HOME CARE, HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 21st day of November, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor