

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, approximately one in four individuals are living with mental health challenges in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, like the rest of the nation, is addressing mental illness by combining effective prevention, treatment and recovery support; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, and virtually all Vermonters know someone in their network of family or friends who is affected; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's mental health organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the effects of mental illness and the value of treatment and long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Mental Health Advocacy Day is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental health conditions can respond to proper and timely intervention, treatment, and recovery support services, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 11, 2015 as

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 11th day of February, A.D. 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor