

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center is the toxicology expert for Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center provides free, 24-hour poison emergency and information hotline services to the general public and health care professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center manages more than 5,000 poisonings a year in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, most of those who call the Northern New England Poison Center from their home are treated with over-the-phone advice and avoid unnecessary and expensive visits to hospital emergency departments; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center improves health outcomes and decreases the length of stay for those who do have to go to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center is most commonly used by parents and caregivers of young children; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New England Poison Center is increasingly being used by health care professionals to treat patients abusing substances such as bath salts and synthetic marijuana; and

WHEREAS, knowing and using the poison center phone number, 1-800-222-1222, can save the lives of Vermont residents, reduce the number of needless trips to crowded emergency departments and save money for the State of Vermont;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 18-24, 2012 as

**POISON CONTROL WEEK
in Vermont.**



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 20th day of March, A.D. 2012

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor