

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, there are more than 120,000 Americans, with more than 5,000 in New England who are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant; and

WHEREAS, there are over one million life-enhancing tissue transplants each year that are made possible by the generous donation of corneas, bone, skin or other tissue; and

WHEREAS, we can all help to save someone's life and benefit up to 50 recipients by signing up to become an organ and tissue donor by enrolling in the Vermont Donor Registry when we apply for - or renew - our drivers licenses or by registering on-line at www.DonateLifeVT.org; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of all people in Vermont who register to become a donor do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles, it is fitting that Vermont join in the national goal of signing up 50 percent of our driving population to become donors and is dedicated to making it fast and easy to sign up to save a life through our Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as



DONATE LIFE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9 day of April, A.D. 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor