

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma (or Myeloma), the second most common blood cancer worldwide, is a cancer of plasma cells in the bone marrow. It is called “multiple” because cancer can occur at multiple sites in the body; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Myeloma currently affects more than 83,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 24,000 new cases diagnosed each year and 11,000 losing their battle each year; and

WHEREAS, because Myeloma is a rare disease, there can be a delayed diagnosis, leading to delayed treatment. For this reason an increased awareness of Myeloma for clinicians and the general public will lead to earlier diagnosis allowing people to live longer; and

WHEREAS, continued investment and innovation is critical to achieve early diagnosis and implement the most effective and safest treatments for Myeloma patients; and

WHEREAS, although we have seen important advances in the last decade there is still no cure for Myeloma; and

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to finding a cure for Myeloma and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from Myeloma and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs;

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

MULTIPLE MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 18th day of February, A.D. 2016



Peter Shumlin
Governor