

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, over 3.5 million people die each year of water-related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, every 20 seconds a child dies from a water-related illness; and

WHEREAS, nearly 850 million people worldwide lack access to clean water; and

WHEREAS, Pure Water for the World, Inc., based in Rutland, Vermont, was incorporated in 1999 and works to lift impoverished countries out of poverty by improving access to safe water; and

WHEREAS, since 2000, Pure Water for the World has provided clean water and hygiene education to over 19,000 families and 116,000 individuals in Honduras; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Pure Water for the World has provided clean water to over 1,300 schools and provided hygiene education to over 2,600 teachers in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, in the Aftermath of the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Pure Water for the World provided clean water for 80,000 people per day in Cite Soleil; and

WHEREAS, on international World Water Day, Vermont recognizes the work of a Pure Water for the World and its mission in improving the health of children, families and communities by providing sustainable pure water solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 as

PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 14th day of March, A.D. 2012



/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor