

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, mental illness, addictions and co-occurring conditions affect millions of individuals as well as their concerned families and friends, and

WHEREAS, serious mental illness affects one in every four people annually; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-three million adults once had drug or alcohol problems, but no longer do; and

WHEREAS, people living with these conditions need help and hope, including a community that supports them, their families and their recovery; and

WHEREAS, the health, well-being and quality of life of all Vermonters is impacted by these sometimes chronic, yet treatable, health conditions, and

WHEREAS, Vermont's mental health and addiction recovery organizations continue to educate the public and lawmakers about the need for access to prevention, treatment and peer-based recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's "Recovery Day and Mental Health Advocacy Day" is designed to remind all Vermonters that mental illness and addiction are conditions that respond well to proper and timely interventions, including the support from peers who have had successful recovery experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2013 as

RECOVERY DAY AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of March, A.D. 2013.



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor