

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, but an umbrella term covering more than nine types of muscular dystrophy and more than 40 neuromuscular diseases which range in severity; and

WHEREAS, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, many new clinical trials are underway and many new drugs are expected in the next four years than in the previous five decades in the fight for a cure for neuromuscular disease; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring support and services for those affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and light it Up green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

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

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS AND LIGHT
IT UP GREEN FOR MD MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 4th day of May, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor