

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Social Work profession has been instrumental in achieving civil rights and human rights advances in the United States and across the globe for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of Social Work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers make a critical impact in adolescent and youth development, aging and family care giving, child protection and family services, health care navigation, mental and behavioral health treatment, military and veterans assistance, nonprofit management and community development, and poverty reduction; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers function as specialists, consultants, private practitioners, educators, community leaders, policymakers and researchers; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers influence many different organizations and human service systems and are employed in workplaces ranging from private and public agencies, hospices and hospitals, schools and clinics, to businesses and corporations, military units, elected offices, think tanks and foundations; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are experts in care coordination, case management, and therapeutic treatment for biopsychosocial issues, and have roles in more than 50 different fields of practice; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers believe that a nation's strength depends on the ability of the majority of its citizens to lead productive and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers help people, who are often navigating major life challenges, find hope and new options for achieving their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers identify and address gaps in social systems that impede full participation by individuals or groups in society;

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

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in Vermont and call upon all citizens to join with the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12 day of March, A.D. 2014

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor