

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermonters believe in the enduring value of handmade craft and celebrate the artists and craftspeople who make Vermont unique; and

WHEREAS, settlers came to Vermont in the early 18th century, bringing their skills in furniture making, pottery, weaving, metalsmithing and glassblowing; and

WHEREAS, these crafts helped build Vermont's economic base and continue to contribute to its reputation and success; and

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont acknowledges its appreciation to the craftspeople who have enriched the lives of people throughout the United States and abroad; and

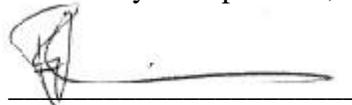
WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper to embrace and celebrate the creativity of all Vermonters;

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

AMERICAN CRAFT MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor