

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in an increasingly global economy, knowledge of foreign language becomes more necessary than ever; and

WHEREAS, those proficient in foreign language have greatly expanded access to a variety of experiences, communications and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, as our nation builds bridges around the world, it is imperative that students expand their lingual horizons in the interest of commerce, peace, technology, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, by exploring foreign language, learners come to appreciate the subtleties of their own language and culture more fully; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to celebrate the efforts of students, teachers and schools to increase the foreign language proficiency of Vermonters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby commend

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFESSIONALS

in Vermont and recognize the importance of foreign language education.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9 day of April, A.D. 2015

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor