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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Gov. Shumlin Orders Flags Lowered to Half Staff**  
*Will Attend Vigil Today; Meet with Employees Tomorrow*

**MONTPELIER** – Gov. Peter Shumlin has ordered that the Vermont State flag fly at half-staff from Monday through Wednesday following the tragic death of Department of Children and Families (DCF) employee Lara Sobel. The full order is included below.

Gov. Shumlin, Secretary of Human Services Hal Cohen, and DCF Commissioner Ken Schatz will attend a vigil for Sobel scheduled for today at 4 p.m. in Barre. Tomorrow, the Governor will spend time meeting with DCF and other state employees affected by this tragedy.

**Where the flags will be lowered:**

The Vermont State House, all Federal and State Facilities around the state and public buildings and grounds around the state.

**Which flags will be lowered:**

The Vermont State flag

**Date the flags are to be lowered: (at sunrise):**

Monday, August 10, 2015

**Date flags are to return to full staff: (at sunset):**

Wednesday, August 13, 2015

**Name of person being honored/Reason to Lower Flag:**

In honor of Lara Sobel, a Vermont Department of Children & Families caseworker who was killed in Barre on Friday, August 7, 2015. She dedicated her life to Vermont's most vulnerable children and to strengthening their chance of success.

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