

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 3.4 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

**WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meet the different and emerging health care needs and public health needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, a renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies and the explosive growth of home health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, more qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will continue to be an important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of May 6-12 has been declared National Nurses Week with the theme - "Culture of Safety – It Starts with You." in celebration of the ways in which registered nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2016 as

**NURSES WEEK**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 5th day of April, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor