

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Fabry Disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening disorder that causes children and adults to suffer a cascade of painful, life-altering symptoms, and can cause premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure; and

**WHEREAS,** Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, causing insufficient breakdown of lipids—causing lysomal and cellular dysfunction; and

**WHEREAS,** while treatable, Fabry Disease remains severely under recognized and misdiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS,** increased physician and family education is critical to increasing disease recognition; and

**WHEREAS,** an enzyme assay test for males and a molecular DNA test for females can confirm Fabry Disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

**FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Vermont, and encourage residents to educate themselves and assess family risk for this tragic but treatable disease

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this \_\_\_\_ day of March, A.D. 2011

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

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Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs