

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** most people do not realize that the skin is the largest and most visible organ of the body and performs many essential tasks, such as regulating body temperature, protecting internal organs, providing sensation and supporting metabolic functions; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 3,000 varieties of skin conditions that can cause severe emotional and social effects, physical disfigurement or death have been identified; and
- WHEREAS,** one in five Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime and more than 3.5 million skin cancers in more than 2 million people are diagnosed annually; and
- WHEREAS,** skin diseases are estimated to cost more than \$39 billion per year in medical services and lost productivity; and
- WHEREAS,** over the last decade, there have been remarkable scientific and technological advances for the treatment of skin cancer and other skin, hair and nail conditions; and
- WHEREAS,** awareness of skin cancer and other skin conditions is central to the health of Vermonters;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as

**HEALTHY SKIN MONTH**

in Vermont.

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

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor