

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the safety and wellbeing of children is a priority of the state; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-a-half minutes; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Program for Playground Safety has been created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform parents and students of playground injuries and research possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** the National Program for Playground Safety has identified possible ways to significantly reduce the number of playground injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** because a large number of playground injuries occur from April through June, it is important that child care centers, schools, parks and other facilities prepare for the summer season with safety in mind;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 25-29, A.D. 2011 as

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**

in Vermont and urge all citizens to join in this important observance.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, A.D. 2011



/S/  
Peter Shumlin  
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/  
Alexandra MacLean  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs