

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is conducting its 101<sup>st</sup> year of volunteer service to America; and

**WHEREAS,** year after year the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports the troops currently deployed overseas; and

**WHEREAS,** the 500,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and

**WHEREAS,** members volunteer nearly 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and

**WHEREAS,** the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2014-2015 National President, Ann Panteleakos, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, "**Patriotism Begins at Home;**" and

**WHEREAS,** on April 3, 2015, the National President will visit Vermont;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2015 as

**PATRIOTISM BEGINS AT HOME DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 30th day of March, A.D. 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor