

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the second week of September is Vascular Nurses Week; and

WHEREAS, there are 3.1 million licensed registered nurses in the United States and vascular nurses comprise an important part of this healthcare Group; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing excellence in direct patient care, vascular nurses participate in vascular research and serve as a valuable resource for policy makers; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Vascular Nursing (SVN) is a professional community of vascular nurses, who advance the care for those persons living with vascular disease through excellence in clinical practice, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, the core values of SVN are to advocate for both vascular nurses and for those persons who live with complex vascular disease; and

WHEREAS, PAD (Peripheral Arterial Disease) is a vascular disease in which the arteries supplying a limb (typically one or both legs) are obstructed. Sixty percent of PAD patients have coexisting coronary artery disease (CAD) or cerebrovascular disease, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 8 million people in the United States with PAD; 12 to 20 percent of American people older than 60 have PAD; and

WHEREAS, people with vascular disease require an interdisciplinary team approach and the vascular nurse is an integral part of this team. The specialized vascular nurse is able to identify the resources required by the vascular patient population and to assist in providing optimal care and compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the second week of September, 2016 as

VASCULAR NURSES WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 14th day of September, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor