

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, a large percentage of new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have resulted from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs, who have contributed to the advancement of technology and fueled economic growth; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs have been a source of economic innovation, contributing new ways of doing things through their creative ideas; and

WHEREAS, entrepreneurs work to improve their local communities by enhancing opportunities for businesses to operate and by supporting the human resources needed to advance their ideas; and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of young people consider starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults, and entrepreneurial awareness can assist them in the future whether they operate their own businesses or work in businesses owned by others; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship; and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Vermont's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim February 1-5, 2016 as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

in Vermont and call upon Vermonters and Vermont businesses and organizations to celebrate our great entrepreneurial spirit by encouraging our youth to explore their ideas and pursue their goals.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19th day of January, A.D. 2016



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

Peter Shumlin
Governor