

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** in an increasingly global economy, knowledge of foreign language becomes more necessary than ever; and

**WHEREAS,** those proficient in foreign language have greatly expanded access to a variety of experiences, communications and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** as our nation builds bridges around the world, it is imperative that students expand their lingual horizons in the interest of commerce, peace, technology, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS,** by exploring foreign language, learners come to appreciate the subtleties of their own language and culture more fully; and

**WHEREAS,** it is appropriate to celebrate the efforts of students, teachers and schools to increase the foreign language proficiency of Vermonters;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 9-15, 2015.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE WEEK**

in Vermont and recognize the importance of foreign language education.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of February, A.D. 2015.

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

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor