

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, for over half a century, beginning with the National School Lunch Program in 1946, the nation has steadily built an array of nutrition assistance programs to build a healthier generation of Americans; and

WHEREAS, during the school year, more than 73,000 Vermont students receive meals through the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs; and

WHEREAS, when schools let out, children lose access to these healthy meals; and

WHEREAS, children need good nutrition all year long, and since 1975, the Summer Food Service Program has alleviated this burden by nourishing children and teens while school is out; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to youth 18 years of age and younger throughout the summer when school is out; and

WHEREAS, this month, we give thanks to the sponsors, site operators, volunteers, parents and communities that provide access to a healthy meal in a safe, supervised environment; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that every child in the State of Vermont has access to nutritious meals during the summer as well as during the school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 2015 as



SUMMER MEALS MONTH

in Vermont.

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

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

Peter Shumlin
Governor