

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, violence and the fear of crime affect the well-being and quality of life for all Vermont; and

WHEREAS, the pain and darkness of violence and crime overshadows more and more people through hate and bias crimes, child abuse, sexual assault, and school, senior citizen, and family violence; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Celebration of Hope" applauds our military, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, emergency services, personnel, educators, elected officials, and our everyday heroes as they battle violence in our communities and stand ready, often under difficult circumstances and at great personal risk, to protect the lives and property of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of our community to collectively collaborate funding and resources to ensure the availability of our police officers, fire fighters, and other public safety personnel for the safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, stop the Violence Month has been chosen to focus attention on the severity of the problem of violence in our society and serves as an opportunity to recognize the individuals, programs, and organizations who are making a difference in our communities and hopefully, will heighten the awareness of the need to implement measure to reduce the chances of continuing violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2011 as

STOP THE VIOLENCE MONTH

in Vermont and call upon Vermonters to stand together to prevent violence in our state.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 16th day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs