

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** recent history has shown that flooding is Vermont's greatest natural hazard to the citizens, landscape and economy; and

**WHEREAS,** whether the cause is due to snowmelt and rainfall that occur each winter and early spring, including record Lake Champlain flooding in 2011; or

**WHEREAS,** the Montpelier Ice Jam Flood of 1992, demonstrated the unpredictability of ice jams and the considerable property damage and life threatening flood conditions that they can produce; and

**WHEREAS,** heavy rain producing thunderstorms results in flash flooding during the late spring and summer such as the Route 2 corridor between Montpelier and Lunenburg in May 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** a tropical system, like Irene in 2011, can produce widespread heavy rainfall resulting in historical, devastating, life threatening and landscape altering flooding during the summer and fall; and

**WHEREAS,** NOAA's National Weather Service maintains a dedicated vigilance for threatening weather and flood hazards; and

**WHEREAS,** through partnerships with Local and state agencies, NOAA's National Weather Service is constantly striving to improve its weather warning services and preparedness education for the citizens of Vermont; and

**WHEREAS,** in the best tradition of public service, NOAA's National Weather Service and Vermont's Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security encourages all Vermonters to be aware of the year-round flood hazards in Vermont, and be prepared before and during periods of hazardous weather;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 18-22, 2013 as

**FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

in Vermont and thank NOAA for their tireless work  
in ensuring we are properly prepared for flooding events.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2013

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor