

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the history of Vermont has shown that flooding is a yearlong hazard to citizens, landscape and the economy; and

WHEREAS, causes of destructive flooding range from heavy rain producing thunderstorms to snow melt and ice jams; and

WHEREAS, along with causing millions of dollars of property damage and life threatening flood conditions, the Montpelier Ice Jam Flood of 1992 demonstrated the volatility and unpredictability of ice jams; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service is dedicated to the protection of individuals and communities from the threat of inclement weather and the hazard of flooding; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with local and state agencies including Vermont Emergency Management, the National Weather Service is constantly striving to improve its weather warning services and preparedness education for all Vermont residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim March 14-18, A.D. 2011 as

FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

in Vermont, and, along with the National Weather Service and Vermont Emergency Management, encourage all Vermonters to be aware of the yearlong flood hazards, and to be prepared before and during periods of hazardous weather.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of March, A.D. 2011

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor

By the Governor:

/S/
Alexandra MacLean
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs