State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, tropical weather systems, whether a direct landfall or remnants from a distant tropical system, can produce widespread heavy rainfall in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, combined with Vermont's topography can result in historical, devastating, and life threatening flooding; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Irene (2011) demonstrated that Vermont's greatest vulnerability to tropical systems is inland flooding; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Irene's devastating damage to infrastructure, personal property, and Vermont's picturesque landscape totaled several hundred million dollars and the unfortunate tragic death of several Vermonters; and

WHEREAS, NOAA's National Weather Service in partnership with Vermont Emergency Management, other state and local agencies and the media 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 Emergency Management encourages all Vermonters to monitor forecasts, from various sources, for potential hazards and be prepared BEFORE and DURING periods of hazardous weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 16, 2013 as

HURRICANE FLOODING AWARENESS DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 5th day of June, A.D. 2013.

Peter Shumlin
Governor