

Vermont Proclamation for the Twenty Third Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act as Amended

July 2013

The Honorable Governor Peter Shumlin hereby proclaims:

Whereas, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed on July 26, 1990 to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities and

Whereas, the State of Vermont affirms the principals of equality and inclusion for persons with disabilities as set forth for the state of Vermont and as embodied in the ADA, the laws of the State Vermont and ordinances of its cities and towns and

Whereas, numerous organizations and agencies throughout the State work with constituents to bring forth the promise of hope, freedom and independence in the most inclusive environment in their homes and with their friends and their families and

Whereas, the State of Vermont is committed to providing the most integrated, least restrictive environments for people with disabilities and their families to live in freedom and enjoy the promise of education, employment, participation in their communities and in the culture and sports offered in Vermont and

Whereas, Vermont honors and celebrates the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the closure of the Brandon Training School twenty years ago.

NOW THEREFORE, The State of Vermont's Governor, Peter Shumlin hereby declare Vermont's commitment to abide by the laws of the Country and the State and its agencies to work to institute all possible changes to enhance the freedom of peoples with disabilities extends his greetings and best wishes to all observing July 26, 2013 as Americans with Disabilities Awareness Day.