

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, information literacy is the ability to find, interpret and analyze different forms of information from all sources which are key components of effective decision-making across various financial, medical, educational, industrial, agricultural and entrepreneurial fields; and

WHEREAS, information literacy also includes the ability to create and communicate information through print and digital formats that are essential for exchanging ideas and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Vermont librarians, educators, and information specialists play a vital role in teaching individuals of all ages how to find, evaluate, and use information from a diverse array of sources in a constantly changing world; and

WHEREAS, information literacy as taught in schools and libraries is a crucial part of education and will expose learners to analytic and research practices that will better prepare them for highly skilled jobs in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, information literacy represents an important workforce need in Vermont that facilitates personal and organizational productivity in an increasingly digital and interconnected world; and

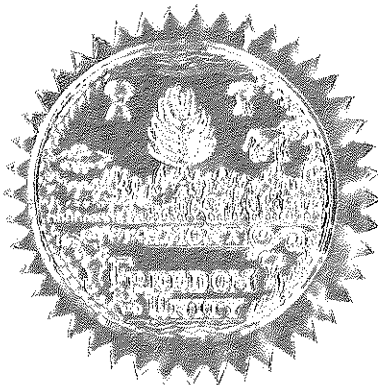
WHEREAS, information literacy is a foundation for an engaged citizenry, vital to economic prosperity, social cohesion, the success of the democratic process, educational opportunity and enhanced quality of life;

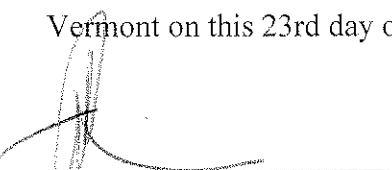
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2014 as

INFORMATION LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 23rd day of September, A.D. 2014




Peter Shumlin
Governor