

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, keeping the homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities of Vermont safe is of the utmost importance to all residents of our state; and

WHEREAS, the presence of crime in our communities spreads fear and destroys trust and faith in others, threatening life, liberty and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all of us, from all ages and walks of life, to work together with law enforcement to keep ourselves and our communities safe from crime; and

WHEREAS, effective crime prevention programs excel because of partnerships among law enforcement, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses, and individuals to work together towards the common goal of increasing public safety; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch has brought countless communities together, inspiring members, bridging divides, and strengthening bonds through a willingness of neighbors to help each other build a better community; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch encourages individuals and groups to work directly with local law enforcement agencies to report suspicious activities and be the "eyes and ears," never intervening in law enforcement duty; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Watch, along with Crime Watch, Business Watch, is a time-honored tradition with over 25,000 programs, 7,000 law enforcement agencies and 2.5 million participants throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim July 2012 as

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MONTH

in Vermont and recognize the importance of Neighborhood Watch and similar programs in their efforts to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27 day of June, A.D. 2012.



Peter Shumlin
Governor

