

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in 1953, Rolland E. Heermance organized a group of male singers to form a traveling chorus to perform summer concerts at small country churches, schools, and town halls; and

WHEREAS, each August, this group of singers, known as the Yankee Male Chorus, convenes in New England to perform for four days; and

WHEREAS, because the members all have some musical background, the chorus creates a remarkably cohesive and exciting sound with only two to three hours of rehearsal per year; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Yankee Male Chorus celebrates its 60th anniversary with concerts in Chester, Vermont; Keene, New Hampshire; Westminster, Vermont; and Grafton, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper to recognize the members of the Yankee Male Chorus for their contributions to arts and culture in Vermont;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 7- 10, 2013 as

YANKEE MALE CHORUS WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 8th day of July, A.D. 2013.



Peter Shumlin
Governor