

STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** a parent is their child's first and most important teacher; and
- WHEREAS,** research unambiguously demonstrates a profound and positive correlation between family engagement and increased student success; and
- WHEREAS,** family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success from preschool through college, and sets the foundation for preparing Vermont's children to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and
- WHEREAS,** family engagement in the education of children requires thoughtful, research-based action on the part of schools and an understanding of the importance of their participation on the part of family members; and
- WHEREAS,** it is appropriate and necessary that we pause to recognize the collaborative efforts and success of families and educators in supporting the intellectual, physical, emotional and social development of children; and
- WHEREAS,** the Parent Information and Resource Center of Vermont has shown a commitment and ability to create opportunities for authentic family involvement in schools, provide resources and training to educators, teachers and service providers, and facilitate schools' ongoing mission to bring families into the education process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **April 13, 2010** as

PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY

in Vermont.

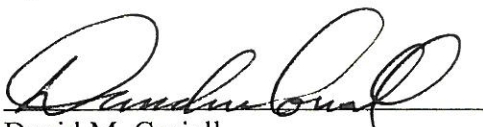
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont this 13th day of April, A.D. 2010.



James H. Douglas
Governor



By the Governor:



David M. Coriell
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs