

STATE OF VERMONT
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
A PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the health, safety, and welfare of Vermonters and to the economy of Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the earth sciences are integral to conserving, finding, and developing water, mineral, and energy resources needed for society's continued prosperity and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as floods, landslides, earthquakes, drought, and shoreline erosion; and
- WHEREAS,** the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and
- WHEREAS,** geological factors of resources, hazards, and environment are vital to land management and land use decisions made in Vermont; and
- WHEREAS,** the earth sciences contribute critical pieces to our understanding of and respect for Vermont's heritage and natural systems.

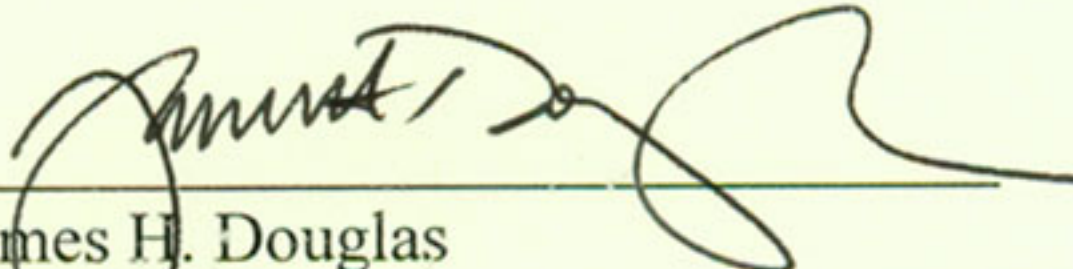
NOW, THEREFORE, I, James H. Douglas, Governor, do hereby proclaim **October 14-20, 2007** as

EARTH SCIENCE WEEK

in Vermont.

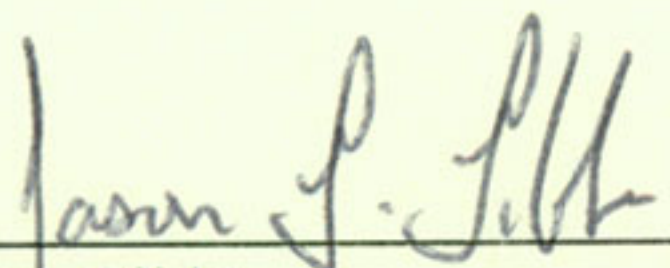
Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont
this 16TH day of September, A.D. 2007.





James H. Douglas
Governor

By the Governor:



Jason Gibbs
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs