

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1890, ten compassionate, resourceful women met in Burlington, Vermont to determine a means of helping "poor and friendless women, destitute of the means of support and wherein such women may enjoy the comforts and advantages of a quiet, peaceful Christian home"; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 1890, the Vermont General Assembly approved the organization's charter and on April 12, 1893, the "Home for Friendless Women" opened; and

WHEREAS, after a generous gift from Dr. William B. Lund in memory of his wife, Elizabeth, and well-deserved help from the State Legislature procured through the efforts of Mrs. John E. Weeks, the Directors expanded and modernized the Burlington residence, providing adequate hospital facilities and hiring competent staff. On March 9, 1928, the name was changed to the "Elizabeth Lund Home"; and

WHEREAS, in 1966, in need of a larger and modern facility, the Lund Home conducted a successful capital campaign directed by Norwich University President Ernest Harmon; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, the new building opened and was expanded in 1987, and again in 2007, with increasingly broadened, sophisticated family support services to serve a growing number of statewide clients; and

WHEREAS, Lund's contemporary mission is "to help children thrive by serving families with children; pregnant or parenting teens and young adults," and the center regularly serves more than 4,000 Vermonters statewide; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Lund was awarded three competitive U.S. government grants to enhance substance abuse services, expand rural recruitment of foster and adoptive families, and increase collaboration between the child welfare and substance abuse systems; and

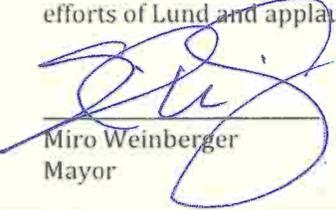
WHEREAS, Lund is Vermont's oldest and largest non-profit adoption agency; and

WHEREAS, during its 125 years serving our community, Lund has earned a widely acknowledged statewide and national reputation for excellence, innovation, and success, helping thousands of Vermonters each year through early education programs from birth to five years old, a high school completion program for pregnant and parenting young women, and a supportive parent child center;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2015 to be

LUND DAY

in the City of Burlington and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we commend the important efforts of Lund and applaud them for their 125 years of impactful work in our community.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

