

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

March 2017

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, approximately 57 million people nation wide have a disability, and of those approximately 178,606 people in Michigan have a developmental disability; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michiganders with and without disabilities work together, play together, worship together, learn together and grow together; and,

**WHEREAS**, every person, regardless of their ability, has valuable strengths, an infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, celebrating the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich the communities of Michigan and enhance our diversity; and,

**WHEREAS**, families of people with developmental disabilities deserve our admiration and recognition for their caring commitment and ongoing support that are both essential to an independent and productive life; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Developmental Disabilities Council to encourage all citizens to recognize Michigan advances concerning persons with disabilities, and also to acknowledge that our work to ensure full inclusion, integrated employment and community-based settings are not yet done;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Michigan.



Brian Calley  
Lt. Governor



Rick Snyder  
Governor

