STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm hereby proclaim October 2005, as

Michigan Wine Month

Whereas, Touring Michigan vineyards is a great way to experience autumn colors and the harvest season; and,

Whereas, Michigan's excellent wines are an important part of the state's agricultural diversity; and,

Whereas, Michigan's grape growing industry began in the southwestern part of Michigan in the mid-nineteenth century, and today has grown to include 42 wineries and an additional 15 tasting rooms located throughout the state; and,

Whereas, Michigan's four federally recognized viticultural areas, Fennville, the Lake Michigan Shore, the Leelanau Peninsula, and the Old Mission Peninsula, are the result of the moderating influences of Lake Michigan, excellent drainage, and light soil conditions which are similar to conditions in the fine wine regions in Europe; and,

Whereas, Michigan vintners have cultivated a wide variety of grapes which allows them to produce a wide selection of quality wines, many of which have received national and international awards, including reds, whites, blushes, and sparkling and non-alcoholic juices; and,

Whereas, Michigan vintners are supportive of the "wine in moderation" concept and promote the health aspect of wine, as well as the idea that wine is a food and should be enjoyed and complemented with other foods; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2005, as Michigan Wine Month.

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