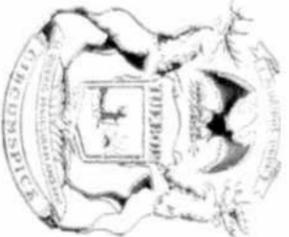


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
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Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim the week of June 13, 2009,

Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week

Whereas, Michigan and its economy are defined by the Great Lakes and depend on its great abundance of freshwater for manufacturing, tourism, fishing, public water supplies, agriculture and numerous other uses; and,

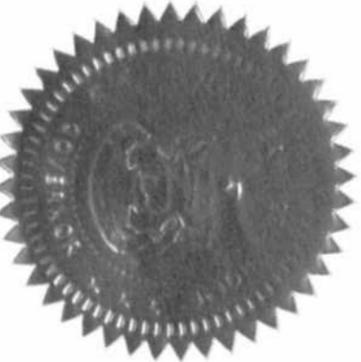
Whereas, Preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species ultimately benefits the state of Michigan by eliminating the need for business, industry and citizens to employ costly methods to control and manage incursions; and,

Whereas, Over 160 non-indigenous aquatic invasive species have been introduced to the Great Lakes many of which are displacing native species, disrupting habitats and degrading natural, managed and agricultural landscapes, which has resulted in millions of dollars for control efforts each year; and,

Whereas, Michigan has almost one million registered boaters and many other recreational, commercial and industrial users of over 11,000 lakes and ponds and over 36,000 miles of streams in the state, many of which are impacted by aquatic invasive species; and,

Whereas, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week is an opportunity for government to join forces with business, industry, environmental groups, community organizations and citizens to take action against the spread and introduction of aquatic invasive species;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of June 13, 2009, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week in Michigan. I encourage all citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of aquatic invasive species and their environmental and ecological impact on the natural resources of the state of Michigan.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor