

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive  
Office

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 April 20, 2009,

### No Child Left Inside Days

**Whereas,** There has been a significant decline in outdoor recreation across the United States and in Michigan as the influence of technology increases; and,

**Whereas,** Obesity in children has been linked to the lack of physical activity, unhealthy eating patterns, or a combination of the two; and,

**Whereas,** Children in the United States currently average 30 minutes of outdoor play time each week; and,

**Whereas,** Playing and experiencing the wonders of nature have been shown to improve a child's creativity, problem-solving abilities, and emotional development; and,

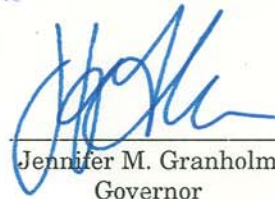
**Whereas,** Introducing children to the outdoors can nurture a lifestyle that involves outdoor activities and environmental preservation; and,

**Whereas,** The protection and preservation of our environment is at risk as interest in nature and the outdoors declines; and,

**Whereas,** Michigan's economic and environmental future is based on having citizens strongly committed to preserving our Great Lakes and other national resources;

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20, 2009, No Child Left Inside Days in Michigan. I encourage all children as well as adults to take some time and rediscover the wonders of the outdoors.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor