

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