STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

July 3-9, 2016

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK

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

WHEREAS, preventing the introduction of aquatic invasive species ultimately benefits Michigan, and stopping the introduction of these species would eliminate the need of employing costly methods to control and manage them; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has taken the lead in protecting the Great Lakes from aquatic invasive species from a number of pathways, including ballast water, canals and waterways, organisms in trade, and recreational activities; and,

WHEREAS, over 180 nonindigenous aquatic species are established in the Great Lakes basin, many of which are displacing native species, disrupting habitats, and degrading natural, managed, and agricultural landscapes, resulting in millions of dollars for control efforts each year; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has over 900,000 registered boaters and many other recreational, commercial, and industrial users of over 11,000 inland lakes and over 36,000 miles of rivers and streams in the state, many of which are impacted by aquatic invasive species; and,

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species awareness is an important first step toward behavior change, which prevents the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species; and,

WHEREAS, spring marks the beginning of water-related recreational activities in Michigan; 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 introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim July 3 - 9, 2016 as Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week in Michigan.

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR

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