STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
March, 2014

MICHIGAN MAPLE SYRUP MONTH

WHEREAS, each spring, as the snow begins to melt and the air becomes steadily warmer, residents throughout Michigan and beyond, look forward to enjoying the locally produced maple syrup products from the current year's bountiful harvest; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's fresh water supply, unique geographic location, rich and varied soil types, and dedicated producers make our state a leader in both the production of an abundant array of crops and agricultural tourism opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Michigan ranks 6th nationally in the production of maple syrup averaging about 148,000 gallons per year; and

WHEREAS, Michigan maple syrup contributes millions to the state's economy, and that the maple season starts in February in the southern counties and runs into April in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize food and agriculture as one of Michigan's top industries, contributing $96 billion to our state's economy each year. With each local food purchase, our communities and family farmers are strengthened by more dollars going directly to local growers and the area's economy and the state's rich farmland is preserved; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Maple Syrup Month is a special time to acknowledge and recognize the vast, integrated network of family farmers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers, who work to ensure a safe and nutritious maple syrup supply that is enjoyed by many residents throughout our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as Michigan Maple Syrup Month.

Rick Snyder
Governor

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR