

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
Friday, September 9, 2011 as

### **FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describe a range of birth defects and permanent disabilities caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, key features of FASD include harm to the central nervous system, facial feature abnormalities and both height and weight growth deficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant abstain from drinking alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we raise awareness of FASD throughout the state of Michigan and we remind citizens of the hazards of consuming alcohol during pregnancy; the prevention of FASD is critical for both infant and maternal health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 9, 2011 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan.



A handwritten signature of Rick Snyder in cursive script.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

