

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
October 23 through October 29, 2011 as

LEAD POISONING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, lead poisoning is entirely preventable, yet is the number one environmental health hazard for children in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, lead-based paints and contaminated dust are the main sources of lead exposure to children in the United States; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that individuals and families contact state or local health departments to inquire about testing paint and dust within homes for lead; and,

WHEREAS, other prevention steps for parents include regularly washing children's hands and toys to prevent contamination from household dust and exterior soil, both known as lead sources, and ensuring children play in sandboxes rather than playing in bare soil; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we join with the Michigan Department of Community Health, health care professionals and community organizations throughout the state to raise awareness of lead poisoning prevention steps citizens can take to ensure health safety for themselves and for Michigan's children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 23 through Saturday, October 29, 2011 as Lead Poisoning Awareness and Prevention Week in Michigan.



Rick Snyder
Governor

