

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 September 20, 2009,

Michigan Indian Week

Whereas, Michigan Indian Week is an excellent opportunity for all Michigan citizens to gain a better understanding and appreciation for people of Native American descent; and,

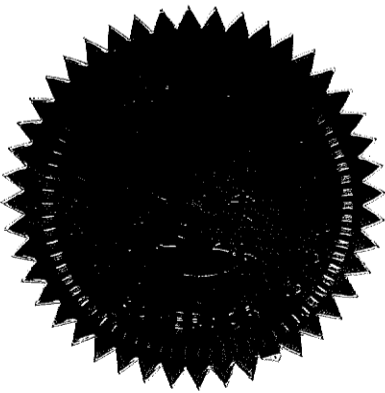
Whereas, Native American people have made vast contributions to our way of life and to the growth and development of this country and state, and beyond that involvement, they also share with us a sense of tradition and reverence for nature and the environment; and,


Whereas, According to the 2000 Census, the state of Michigan ranks 9th in the country for having a high concentration of American Indian and Alaskan native population, which is more than 125,000; and,

Whereas, The state of Michigan also has the second largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi River, which is mostly comprised of 12 federally recognized tribes; and,

Whereas, During Michigan Indian Week, there are a number of activities throughout the state to focus attention on the many cultural and historical contributions of Michigan's Native American community;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of September 20, 2009, Michigan Indian Week in Michigan. I encourage all citizens to recognize the unique culture and vast contributions that Native Americans have brought to our Great Lakes State.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor