On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim January 2008, as

Michigan Mentoring Month

Whereas, The future of Michigan’s children is the responsibility of all citizens; and,

Whereas, By strengthening our children through mentoring, we are building a stronger future for them, our communities, and our great state; and,

Whereas, Mentors will help ensure that children realize their own personal value and potential and instill in them the hope of a brighter future; and,

Whereas, Thousands of Michigan youth are waiting for mentors; and,

Whereas, Mentors also receive benefits from mentoring, and therefore the process changes lives two at a time; and,

Whereas, Michigan Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of mentoring programs throughout the state and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2008 as Michigan Mentoring Month, and I encourage all citizens to positively affect the lives of Michigan’s children by becoming a mentor to a young child.