STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
September, 2015

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michiganders of all ages feel the impact of chronic pain and is a major contributing cause of Americans seeking medical care; and,

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine estimated that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain; and,

WHEREAS, as many as 20% of children in the United States have chronic pain, which is pain that is persistent or recurring frequently for more than three months; and,

WHEREAS, chronic pain costs the nation an estimated $560 to $630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and,

WHEREAS, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities as well as adversely impacts pain sufferers' families and caregivers; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to inform, empower and advocate on behalf of the over 36,000 members throughout the country and all those who live with chronic pain; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and,

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects of chronic pain help result in increased access to quality pain care and empowerment for those living with pain; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September, 2015 as Pain Awareness Month in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR