STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

October 9-15, 2016

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, last year, home fires killed more than 104 Michigan residents and according to the National Fire Incident Reporting System, fire departments throughout the state responded to nearly 13,583 home fires in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half and all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, the people of Michigan are urged to install and maintain smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Additionally, practicing a home fire escape plan allows for better preparation and results in more likeliness to survive a fire; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. Residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and,

WHEREAS, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every 10 years. It encourages everyone to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016 as Fire Prevention Week in Michigan.

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR

Rick Snyder
Governor