

# 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 September 9, 2010,

### Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day

**Whereas,** Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is a continuum of permanent birth defects caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

**Whereas,** FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely if pregnant or planning to become pregnant, yet the incidence of the disorder within the United States is estimated at 1 out of 100 live births; and,

**Whereas,** Early screening, identification, intervention and treatment of affected individuals can improve a child's overall development and prevent secondary disabilities; and,

**Whereas,** The prevention of FASD is optimal for both infant and maternal health, as well as the social and economic well being of families, employers, and communities; and,

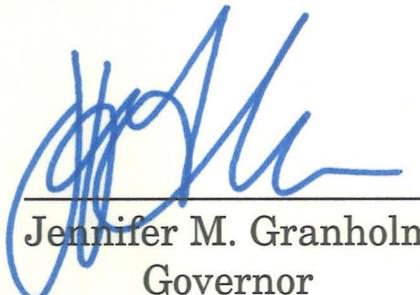
**Whereas,** According to the surgeon general, women who are pregnant or are planning to become pregnant should abstain from drinking alcohol as there is no safe limit of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

**Whereas,** Avoiding prenatal alcohol exposure decreases the risk of miscarriage, still birth, learning and mental disabilities, and birth defects of the brain, heart and other major organs; and,

**Whereas,** More information about FASD is available at the following websites: the FASD Center, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [www.fasdcenter.samhsa.gov](http://www.fasdcenter.samhsa.gov), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and the Michigan Department of Community Health [www.michigan.gov/fas](http://www.michigan.gov/fas);

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved,** That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2010, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan. I encourage residents of this state to learn more about fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and the dangers of consuming alcohol during pregnancy.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor