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, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov and the Michigan Department of Community Health 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

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