

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

September 9, 2017

# FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS**, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders describe a wide range of birth defects and permanent disabilities caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

**WHEREAS**, key features of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders can include lifelong physical, intellectual, social, and behavioral disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant should abstain from drinking alcohol; and,

**WHEREAS**, the prevention of prenatal alcohol exposure, early screening and intervention for affected individuals is critical for both infant and maternal health; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Surgeon General recommends there is no safe amount of alcohol to consume during pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, an estimated 54.8 percent of women of reproductive age in Michigan, aged 18-44 years, reported one or more drinks of alcohol during the last 30 days and 18.5 percent of Michigan women, aged 18-44 years, reported binge drinking four or more drinks of alcohol on any one occasion during the last 30 days, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

**WHEREAS**, on this day, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to raise awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders throughout the state of Michigan. We urge residents to learn more about the hazards of consuming alcohol during pregnancy and the benefits of early screening and intervention for both maternal and infant health;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2017 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder  
Governor

