

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
September 2018

# INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, more than 150 babies in Michigan die every year because of sleeping in an unsafe environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, babies can suffocate as a result of sleeping in an adult bed or on other dangerous sleep surfaces such as couches, arm chairs or pillows, or with parents, siblings, caregivers or pets; and,

**WHEREAS**, these deaths are preventable and our goal in Michigan is zero deaths from this cause; and,

**WHEREAS**, babies sleep safest when sleeping alone, on their back in a crib, bassinet or portable playard with a firm mattress and a tightly fitted sheet with no other items, and when they are dressed appropriately so as not to overheat; and,

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding is encouraged because it is associated with lower instances of sleep-related infant deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, smoke free homes are encouraged and help is available to quit; and,

**WHEREAS**, parents, grandparents, relatives, child care providers and everyone caring for infants are encouraged to learn more about how to keep infants safe every time they sleep; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, along with state and community partners, working collaboratively through the Michigan Infant Safe Sleep Advisory Committee, raise awareness of the important steps parents, caregivers, child care providers and health professionals can take to reduce sleep-related infant deaths and disparities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month in Michigan.



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

Rick Snyder  
Governor

