

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
September, 2015

### INFANT SAFE SLEEP AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, More than 140 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, these deaths are preventable; 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, such as toys, pillows or blankets, in the sleep area and when they are dressed appropriately so as not to overheat; and,

**WHEREAS**, breastfeeding is encouraged because it is associated with a lower incidence of sleep-related infant death; and,

**WHEREAS**, smoking is discouraged during pregnancy and after birth because it increases the risk of sleep-related infant death; 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 the Michigan Department of Education and other local agencies, working collaboratively through the Michigan Infant Safe Sleep Advisory Committee, raise awareness of the important steps parents, caregivers and health professionals can take to reduce infant deaths caused by unsafe sleep environments;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September, 2015 as Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month in Michigan.

A blue ink signature of Rick Snyder, written in a cursive style.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

