STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
September 9, 2013 as

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

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

WHEREAS, key features of FASD disorders can include lifelong physical, intellectual, social and behavioral disabilities; the prevention of FASD and early intervention for affected individuals is critical for both infant and maternal health; and,

WHEREAS, FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant abstain from drinking alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we join with the Michigan Department of Community Health to raise awareness of FASD throughout the state of Michigan; we urge citizens to learn more about the hazards of consuming alcohol during pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 9, 2013 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR