STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

September 9, 2014

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

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

WHEREAS, in 2012 an estimated 56.1 percent of women of reproductive age in Michigan, aged 18-44 years, reported using alcohol and an estimated 20.6 percent reported binge drinking four drinks on any one occasion according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and,

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

WHEREAS, the prevention of prenatal alcohol exposure and early 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 during pregnancy and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; and,

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 9, 2014 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR