

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

April 2017

# ALCOHOL RESPONSIBILITY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, adolescence is an extremely critical and often vulnerable stage of human development, and it is during this time that many youth experiment with substances such as alcohol; and,

**WHEREAS**, compared to those who wait until they are 21 to drink, young people who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to report alcohol dependence or abuse, seven times more likely to be in a motor vehicle crash due to alcohol and 11 times more likely to be in a physical fight due to intoxication; and,

**WHEREAS**, the solution to ending underage drinking comes through widespread collaboration and engagement of multiple organizations and communities with all adults doing their part; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to ask that parents, youth, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, workplaces, and all Michigan residents support the efforts to reduce and prevent underage drinking in our state by limiting alcohol availability to minors;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Alcohol Responsibility Month in Michigan.



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

Rick Snyder  
Governor

