

October 30 2010
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Weatherization Day

WHEREAS, the average American family spends more than \$1300 annually on utility bills; and

WHEREAS, that figure represents from 20% - 40% of a low-income family's income and it is steadily rising; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherization Assistance Program, using federal, state, local, and private dollars benefits households and communities across the nation by providing cost-effective, energy-efficient retrofits to homes occupied by low-income Americans; and

WHEREAS, the average energy cost savings for each home weatherized is more than \$300 annually, allowing families to spend the money saved on groceries, doctor bills, prescriptions, and other needs, thereby making them more self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide emissions are reduced by an average of one ton per weatherized household, reducing pollution levels here in Michigan by an average of 4,080 tons annually for the past three years; and

WHEREAS, 52 direct jobs are created within the nation's communities for each \$1 million invested, resulting in 5,287 jobs in Michigan in the past three years; and

WHEREAS, 276,837 homes have been weatherized in Michigan since the program began in 1977,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Jennifer Granholm**, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby declare October 30, 2010 as WEATHERIZATION DAY in Michigan, **and I urge all citizens of this state to recognize the importance of energy conservation, pollution reduction, and safer homes through appropriate activities and ceremonies.**