

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

October 30, 2016

## WEATHERIZATION DAY

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Weatherization Assistance Program provides an economic boost for low-income individuals through lower energy costs and reduced arrearages, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, combined savings for energy and non-energy benefits show weatherization returns at \$1.50 for every \$1 invested; and,

**WHEREAS**, the average American family spends more than \$1,300 annually on utility bills, which represents 20 to 40 percent of a low-income family's income and it is steadily rising; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDHHS 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 eligible, low-income Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, the average energy cost savings for each home weatherized is \$250 to \$450 annually, allowing families to spend these energy savings dollars on necessities such as groceries, doctor bills, prescriptions and other needs, thereby making them more self-sufficient; and,

**WHEREAS**, households that have been weatherized experience health and safety benefits, improved air quality and receive smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors if they are not already present throughout the house; 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 2,175 tons annually for the past two years; and,

**WHEREAS**, MDHHS Michigan Weatherization Assistance Program provides an economic boost for communities by providing employment opportunities as well as improved energy efficient housing stock and neighborhood conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2016 as Weatherization Day in Michigan.



  
Rick Snyder  
Governor

