

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

May 2017

LEAVE A LEGACY MONTH

WHEREAS, year after year Michigan residents demonstrate their remarkable generosity with more than 80 percent of households making charitable contributions; and,

WHEREAS, according to a recent survey conducted by Michigan State University, only 43 percent of Michigan residents have a will and only 21 percent of those having a will include a bequest to charity; and,

WHEREAS, all adults, regardless of family estate or circumstances, are encouraged to have a will, the starting point of an effective estate plan; and,

WHEREAS, The National Association of Charitable Gift Planners believes that the American people make so few bequests in their wills for the simple reason they have not been asked to consider doing so; and,

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations touch all areas of our lives — religion, education, health care, research, the arts, and social services for the poor and disadvantaged; and,

WHEREAS, charitable giving through will bequests gives us the opportunity to allow the continuation and support of those values and ideals we cherished during our lifetimes; and,

WHEREAS, many Michigan nonprofit organizations, allied professionals and community leaders have joined in the LEAVE A LEGACY® public awareness program that aims to “Make a Difference in the Lives that Follow”; and,

WHEREAS, the LEAVE A LEGACY program encourages Michigan residents to make legacy gifts through their wills and trusts so non-profit organizations can continue their work of serving and sustaining the quality of life that makes our state and its communities good places to live, work and raise families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as Leave A Legacy Month in Michigan.



Rick Snyder
Governor

