

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
September 12-20, 2015

**WELCOMING WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, The success of our state and nation has always been the product of our unique capacity to welcome the contributions and spirit of entrepreneurship of all people, regardless of race, gender, creed or country of origin; and,

**WHEREAS**, Immigrants create jobs and contribute economically and culturally to Michigan's greatness, and make up approximately six percent of Michigan's population; and,

**WHEREAS**, As we work to reinvent Michigan, we must create welcoming communities that leverage the full potential of all who live there, capitalizing on diverse perspectives, cultures and talents for knowledge, creativity and innovation to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, During this week, we join with Welcoming Michigan and its partners to encourage citizens of the Great Lakes State to recognize the importance of working together in order to create and support strong, secure and successful places to live, work and play for years to come;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 12 through September 20, 2015, as Welcoming Week in Michigan.

A handwritten signature of Rick Snyder in blue ink.

Rick Snyder  
Governor

