

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of April 2010

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Whereas, Every two and a half minutes a person is raped in the United States and in Michigan, over 70 percent of rape victims are under the age of 20; and,

Whereas, Sexual assault is an intolerable, violent crime with extensive short and long-term implications for victims, their loved ones and to society as a whole; and,

Whereas, It is estimated that less than half of all sexual assaults are ever reported; and,

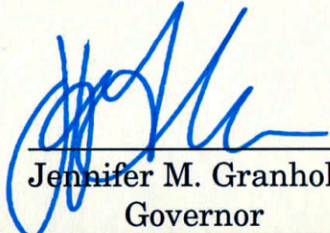
Whereas, The state of Michigan has a proud tradition of strong legislation intended to reduce the incidence of sexual assault and violence; and,

Whereas, Elimination of sexual violence is achievable through change at the individual, family, community, organization, and societal levels; and,

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about how to stop perpetration of sexual violence before it can start and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and the Michigan Department of Community Health are dedicated to the elimination of all sexual violence in our state and to the empowerment of Michigan's sexual assault survivors;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 2010 Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Michigan. I urge all citizens to help end this tragic epidemic that is devastating our society by supporting victims of sexual assault and to stand against further assault.


Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor