STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

January 20, 2016

FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER DAY

Whereas, Older adults are rethinking retirement through volunteerism; and,

Whereas, nearly 25 percent of older adults volunteered last year, more than any other group; and,

Whereas, we must retain the talents and skills of the older adults who help communities in a variety of ways; and,

Whereas, Michigan's 19 foster grandparent programs provide low-income adults ages 55 and older challenging and meaningful volunteer opportunities in 62 counties throughout the state; and,

Whereas, in Michigan 1,437 foster grandparent volunteers contributed more than 1,018,457 hours of service to over 5,603 children with special or unique needs, helping them overcome various educational and life skill challenges; and,

Whereas, on this day we join with the Michigan Office of Aging and Adult Services to raise awareness of Michigan's foster grandparent programs and to recognize the outstanding service of these volunteers who provide a positive impact. Their nurturing, mentoring and overall efforts have contributed greatly to the lives of many children and have helped strengthen our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2016 as Foster Grandparent Volunteer Day in Michigan.

RICK SNYDER GOVERNOR

Rick Snyder
Governor