STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN
I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
Friday, September 9, 2011 as

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) describe a range of birth defects and permanent disabilities caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, key features of FASD include harm to the central nervous system, facial feature abnormalities and both height and weight growth deficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant abstain from drinking alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we raise awareness of FASD throughout the state of Michigan and we remind citizens of the hazards of consuming alcohol during pregnancy; the prevention of FASD is critical for both infant and maternal health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 9, 2011 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Michigan.

Rick Snyder
Governor