

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

December 3, 2020

as

DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, the annual observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and in all aspects of life; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, about 27 percent of people in Michigan have disabilities, and these rates increase with age, with 41 percent of Michigan adults who are 75 years or older having a disability of some kind; and,

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities face physical, social, and economic barriers that prevent full and effective participation as equal members of society and are less likely to access health care, education, and employment; and,

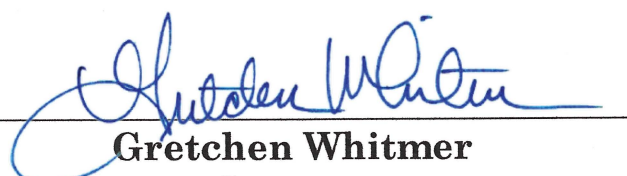
WHEREAS, the current COVID-19 pandemic is deepening pre-existing inequities, exposing the extent of exclusion and highlighting the need to continue our efforts to achieve disability inclusion in our state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that people with disabilities are given equal access to employment, public services, public accommodations, and telecommunications in our state; and,

WHEREAS, during this day, we recommit ourselves to shaping a future in which all individuals are able to enjoy their full rights and freedom, as well as to removing barriers and eliminating discrimination based on disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2020, as Day of Persons with Disabilities in Michigan.




Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

