STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

April19– 25, 2026
as
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, infertility is defined as the inability to conceive after one year or longer of trying to have a child; and,

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community also faces challenges when building their families; and,

WHEREAS, infertility can cause psychological distress, emotional stress and financial difficulties for couples, who can experience feelings of anger, guilt, sadness, depression, anxiety, and a loss of self-confidence and self-esteem; and,

WHEREAS, the most common types of fertility treatments are in vitro fertilization (IVF) and intrauterine insemination (IUI); and,

WHEREAS, raising awareness about infertility can remove barriers to care; and,

WHEREAS, educating others on infertility can remove the stigma and increase empathy and sympathy towards those facing infertility problems; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community by participating in this promotion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026 as Infertility Awareness Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor