

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

November 7-11, 2016

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS CPR/AED DRILL WEEK

WHEREAS, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) affects men, women and children of every age and race and continues to be a leading cause of hospitalizations and death in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, evaluating medical history, personal history and family history is important to identify those at risk for SCA. In many cases, however, a SCA is the first apparent symptom and results from an abnormal heart rhythm; and,

WHEREAS, prompt delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can significantly increase the chance of survival. For every minute without CPR, survival from witnessed cardiac arrest decreases by 7 to 10 percent. Therefore, survival is often dependent on a bystander trained in CPR who takes action and who has access to a lifesaving Automated External Defibrillator (AED); and,

WHEREAS, since 1 in 5 people are in a school building each day, this is an important location to be prepared. As such, written cardiac emergency response plans (CERP) are required by Michigan schools to protect their students, staff and visitors in the event of a SCA; and,

WHEREAS, a school's CERP should consider following the American Heart Association's "Chain of Survival" that includes calling 9-1-1, rapid bystander response with Hands-Only CPR, use of an AED, and access to advanced life support and post-cardiac arrest care, to increase the chance of survival; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan schools can receive an honorary designation as a MI HEARTSafe School for meeting specific criteria, including performing at least one cardiac emergency response drill per year, with 267 schools awarded to date. An ideal person to facilitate a cardiac emergency response drill is a professional registered nurse; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we join with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Arrest of the Young to encourage schools to become a MI HEARTSafe School and consider conducting CPR and AED drills as an important lifesaving step;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 7-11, 2016 as Michigan Schools CPR/AED Drill Week in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor

