

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

October 2020

as

**WEATHERIZATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Weatherization Assistance Program provides economic support for low-income individuals through lower energy costs and reduced arrearages; and,

**WHEREAS**, weatherization is a cost-effective investment of taxpayer dollars, as for every \$1 invested in the program, it returns over \$4 in energy, health, and safety benefits to the household and society; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDHHS Weatherization Assistance Program, using federal, state, local, and private dollars, benefits households and communities across the nation by providing cost-effective, energy efficient retrofits to homes occupied by eligible, low-income Americans; and,

**WHEREAS**, heating costs are reduced by 30 percent on average, saving families at least \$283 per year and making money available for other basic necessities such as groceries, doctor bills, prescriptions and other needs, helping families become more self-sufficient; and,

**WHEREAS**, households that have been weatherized experience health and safety benefits, such as improved air quality, and also receive smoke and carbon monoxide detectors if not already present throughout the home; and,

**WHEREAS**, weatherization reduces residential and power plant emissions of carbon dioxide while also making low-income communities more resilient to the effects of climate change; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDHHS Weatherization Assistance Program provides an economic boost for communities by providing employment opportunities as well as improved energy efficient housing stock and neighborhood conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as Weatherization Month in Michigan.



*Gretchen Whitmer*

**Gretchen Whitmer**  
Governor

