

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

December 6–12, 2021

as

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, Grace Hopper, one of the first female pioneer computer scientists and first programmers of the Harvard Mark I computer, was born on December 9, and therefore the week of December 9 is being recognized around the world as Computer Science Education Week; and,

WHEREAS, computer science is a 21st century skill that is listed among the top 50 job growth areas in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, teaching students computer science education can lead to high-tech, high-wage sustainable careers, and engaging students early on increases their confidence, determination and creativity; and,

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021, students across the state of Michigan will have the opportunity to complete a free, online lesson in computer coding provided by Michigan Accelerate Computer Science coalition, the Michigan Film & Digital Media Office and the Michigan Department of Education. Efforts such as these are critical to ensure that Michigan becomes a Top 10 in 10 education state through supporting high-quality instruction; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that by 2020, there would be one million more computer jobs than graduating students qualified for them, and open computing jobs in Michigan are growing at more than three times the state average; and,

WHEREAS, to commemorate Computer Science Education Week, schools and students across Michigan are encouraged to engage in “an hour of code” that enhances students problem thinking skills that lead them to create and not just consume technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim December 6-12, 2021, as Computer Science Education Week in Michigan.




Gretchen Whitmer

Governor

