STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

MARCH 19 – 25, 2023
as
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, last year, the state of Michigan experienced a devastating tornado in Otsego County, and heavy rainfall and flooding in Mecosta and Marquette counties, resulting in a disaster declaration due to widespread and severe damage; and,

WHEREAS, in the last three years, 17 counties across the state of Michigan experienced severe weather-related disasters; and,

WHEREAS, severe weather, in the form of thunderstorms, windstorms, floods, and tornadoes, is a threat to the health and safety of all Michigan residents; and,

WHEREAS, each year, more than 1,000 tornadoes strike the United States, including an average of 15 in Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, since 1950, 1,066 tornadoes have been reported in the state of Michigan, resulting in substantial loss of life and property; and,

WHEREAS, all individuals are encouraged to be aware of the warning signs of severe weather and follow proper safety and emergency procedures; and,

WHEREAS, each year, the Michigan State Police, emergency management officials and news media join together to educate the public about the dangers of tornadoes and other severe weather events and the precautions that can be taken to save lives and protect families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim March 19 – 25, 2023, as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor