

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

May 2023

as

MISSING PERSONS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, nationally, it is estimated there are as many as 93,718 active missing persons cases; in Michigan, there are over 3,500 people currently reported missing to law enforcement, including almost 800 children; and,

WHEREAS, few circumstances are more devastating to a family than the unknown whereabouts of a loved one; and,

WHEREAS, missing persons cases affect families of every background; and,

WHEREAS, in the blink of an eye, a family's dynamic can change drastically when they are thrust into a chaos they are usually not equipped to handle; and,

WHEREAS, due in large part to the sheer volume of cases, missing persons investigations challenge law enforcement resources; and,

WHEREAS, many of the people who go missing in the United States are victims of homicide; and,

WHEREAS, in some cases, the investigation into a missing person begins when human remains are found; and,

WHEREAS, Missing Persons Awareness Month provides families who are missing a loved one the chance to be recognized; it is also an important opportunity for citizens to learn more about missing persons and show support for the organizations and individuals providing advocacy, services, and assistance to bring missing persons home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as Missing Persons Awareness Month in Michigan.



A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

