

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

November 26, 2020
as
THANKSGIVING DAY

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving has been an important part of American tradition, originating to when the Pilgrims and Wampanoags feasted during the "First Thanksgiving" in October of 1621; and,

WHEREAS, modern Thanksgiving was first officially called for in all states by a presidential proclamation of Abraham Lincoln in 1863; and,

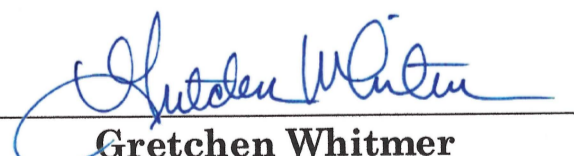
WHEREAS, since then, it has become a beloved national holiday that is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November every year, in which families, friends, neighbors, and even strangers gather to enjoy each other's company and reflect on what they are thankful for; and,

WHEREAS, although, this year, due to COVID-19 we might not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving as we would like, indoor gatherings of up to ten persons at a residence are permitted, and face masks are strongly recommended. If not celebrating with family in person, we can take time to show our gratitude for our blessings and enjoy this day of giving in other ways including dining virtually with family and friends; and,

WHEREAS, Thanksgiving is a valuable opportunity to appreciate our families, friends, and loved ones and take time to remember everything we are grateful for;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 26, 2020, as Thanksgiving Day in Michigan and wish all citizens a happy Thanksgiving full of joy and love.




Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan

