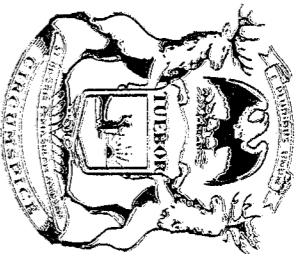


STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010

Leave a Legacy Month

Whereas, Michigan residents have traditionally demonstrated their generosity, even in the face of difficult economic times, through their annual support of charitable causes; and,

Whereas, All adults should have a will, the starting point of an effective estate plan regardless of family wealth or circumstances; and,

Whereas, Surveys indicate that less than half of Michigan residents who have even executed a will have included a bequest to charity; and,

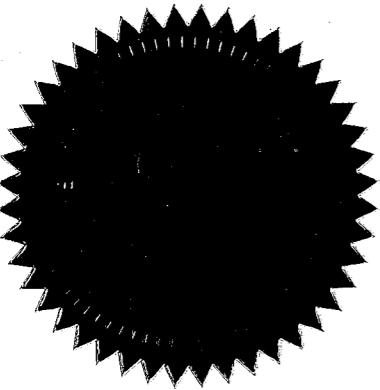
Whereas, The Partnership for Philanthropic Planning believes that the American people make few bequests in their wills simply because they have not been asked to consider doing so; and,


Whereas, Nonprofit organizations provide effective and essential services in all areas of our lives including religion, education, health care, research, the arts and social services for the poor and disadvantaged; and,

Whereas, Charitable giving through bequests in a will provides each of us the opportunity to support and perpetuate for future generations those values and ideals most important to us and our families that we cherished during our lifetimes; and,

Whereas, Many Michigan nonprofit organizations, allied professionals and community leaders are engaged in the LEAVE A LEGACY® public awareness effort that aims to "Make a Difference in the Lives that Follow" by encouraging estate gifts, which will continue the work of nonprofit organizations in serving and sustaining the quality of life that makes our state and its communities good places to live, work and raise families;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2010 Leave a Legacy Month in Michigan. I encourage all citizens to recognize the value of leaving a legacy through wills as vital support of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations in the very important work they do.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor