

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

May 1-7, 2022

as

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, addressing complex mental health needs of children, youth, and their families is critical to the future of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, one in five children and youth and their families experience challenges to their mental health; and,

WHEREAS, mental health needs must be met with understanding and support; and,

WHEREAS, the voices of children, youth, and their families must be listened to, and heard, to inform mental health policy and program change; and,

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our country depends on how we support and invest in the next generation and their families; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy and Supports and the Association for Children's Mental Health, as well as children and youth with lived experience, and their families are committed to addressing the mental health needs of children, youth, and families in our community; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a week should be designated each year for recognition of the importance of addressing children and youth's mental health and well-being along with the well-being of their families; and

WHEREAS, mental health awareness of children, youth, and families is a priority throughout the year as well;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2022, as Mental Health Awareness Week for Children, Youth, and Their Families in Michigan.**

Handwritten signature of Gretchen Whitmer in blue ink.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

