

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

May 2021
as
WINE MONTH

WHEREAS, excellent vineyards and wineries are a key component of Michigan's tourism and agricultural industries; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's wine grape and wine industry contributes \$5.4 billion to the economy, including \$253 million in tourism spending, and creates more than 47,000 jobs; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan wine production has more than doubled over the past ten years, with over 2.7 million gallons of wine bottled in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the state's grape-growing industry dates back to the mid-19th century and has grown to include 3,375 acres of wine grapes and more than 150 wineries that welcome 1.7 million visitors throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan vintners cultivate more than 20 varieties of grapes, which allows them to produce a diverse selection of quality wines including reds, whites, rosés, sparkling, and non-alcoholic juices; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join with Michigan vintners in support of the "wine in moderation" concept and encourage adult residents and tourists in Michigan to visit the wineries of our great state and enjoy a glass of Pure Michigan-made wine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as Wine Month in Michigan.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

