STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

May 2026
as
MICHIGAN WINE MONTH

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

WHEREAS, Michigan's wine grape and wine industry has an over $900 million economic impact, and generates over $900 million in tourism spending, creating thousands of jobs with over $90 million in wages statewide; and,

WHEREAS, the state's grape-growing industry dates back to the mid-19th century, and has grown to include over 4,000 acres of wine grapes and over 250 wineries and tasting rooms that welcomes over a million of tourists each year; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan vintners cultivate more than 45 varieties of wine grapes, which allows them to produce a diverse selection of quality wines including reds, whites, rosés, sparkling, and non-alcoholic juices; and,

WHEREAS, we celebrate an industry that has made a conscious effort to create an inclusive and equitable culture with programs like the Michigan Wine Collaborative's DREAM program, an initiative that provides education and training for underrepresented groups to pursue career opportunities in Michigan's growing wine industry; and,

WHEREAS, 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 Michigan-made wine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Michigan Wine Month in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor