

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

December 2020

as

**IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the use of alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs can affect the brain by impairing motor skills, reaction time, and judgment, which are all critical while driving; and,

**WHEREAS**, impaired driving is a public health concern because it not only puts the driver at risk, but also endangers the lives and safety of passengers and others sharing the road; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Michigan, of all the fatal crashes that occurred, 41.9 percent involved alcohol, drugs, or both, according to the 2019 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit by the Michigan State Police (MSP); and,

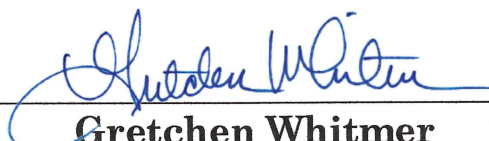
**WHEREAS**, according to the Impaired Driving Safety Commission, the total number of statewide crashes has increased by nearly 45% and fatal crashes by nearly 60% since 2013, and the number of drivers involved in crashes who tested positive for cannabinoids more than doubled ; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the exercise of good judgment, personal responsibility, and a commitment to never drive while under the influence of alcohol, every community member can play a role in the fight against impaired driving due to drunk, drugged, and distracted driving; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, which is described by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals as one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on American roadways due to an increase in impaired driving, we must all recognize the danger impaired driving can pose for drivers, passengers, and all others sharing the road, and encourage our communities to identify, develop, and promote solutions to this critical issue that takes away thousands of lives every year;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim December 2020 as Impaired Driving Prevention Month.



  
**Gretchen Whitmer**  
Governor

