



ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN  
I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim  
October 14 through October 20, 2012 as

## ESTATE PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 120 million U.S. citizens do not have updated estate plans for preserving their lifetime assets in the event of illness, accidents or untimely death; and,

WHEREAS, estate planning is the process of anticipating and arranging for the disposition and management of an estate, and involves many considerations including documentation of assets, charitable giving and preparation of various legal records including wills, trusts and durable powers of attorney for health care; and,

WHEREAS, a lack of financial and estate planning may cause assets to be taxed at maximum rates or, by default through the complex process of probate, to be distributed to unintended parties; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we join with estate planning professionals in Michigan and throughout the nation to raise awareness of the important role estate planning plays in individual and family preparedness; we encourage residents to learn more about estate planning and the resources available for estate planning assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 14 through Saturday, October 20, 2012 as Estate Planning Awareness Week in Michigan.



  
Rick Snyder  
Governor

