

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

May 12, 2018

MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS/CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME (ME/CFS) AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME), also known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), is a severe neuroimmune disease characterized by overwhelming exhaustion, cognitive problems, pain, post-exertional relapse, immune disorders, headaches, cardiac symptoms, dizziness and balance problems, and that leaves many ME patients homebound or bedridden for years at a time and as many as 75% unable to work; and,

WHEREAS, patients struggle to access appropriate medical care and rarely recover due to a lack of treatments, resulting in loss of hope and thus higher rates of suicide; and,

WHEREAS, ME afflicts 836,000 to 2.5 million Americans, more than 30 thousand in Michigan, and 17 million worldwide, at an annual cost to our country of \$18-24 billion dollars per year in lost productivity and medical costs; and,

WHEREAS, awareness of ME should lead to increased funding for research and result in better medical care with more accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2018 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Awareness Day in Michigan.



Rick Snyder
Governor

