

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

August 2018

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER
APPRECIATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, we recognize that reaching at-risk, under-resourced, or underserved communities is vital to improving the health of our state's most vulnerable populations; and,

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers impact the health of urban and rural communities by building trusting relationships with residents as culturally competent members of those communities and connecting residents to needed health and human service systems; and,

WHEREAS, more than 600 Community Health Workers who go by dozens of titles serve Michigan residents, helping prevent and manage chronic conditions, develop healthier lifestyles, improve maternal and child health, increase rates of preventive screenings, and improve access to and use of health care and social services through outreach, enrollment and patient education; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we honor and thank Community Health Workers who create bridges between health and human service providers and community members; and,

WHEREAS, we join with our 37 community partners and more than 800 participants to encourage state officials, Michigan communities and health and human service delivery agencies to participate with the Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance and its partners to honor and recognize the vital impact Community Health Workers have in Michigan. They play a vital role as a professional workforce in the delivery of culturally competent health and social services among populations in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as Community Health Worker Appreciation Month in Michigan.



Handwritten signature of Rick Snyder in blue ink.

Rick Snyder
Governor

