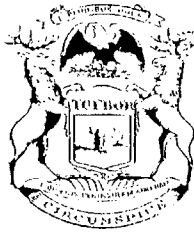


# STATE OF MICHIGAN



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Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,  
do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

### Lyme Disease Awareness Month

**Whereas**, The health and well-being of the citizens of the State of Michigan is of foremost importance; and,

**Whereas**, Lyme disease is a common, but frequently misdiagnosed illness that, if not caught early and treated properly, can cause serious health problems; and,

**Whereas**, Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States, caused by the Spirochete *Borrelia Burgdorferi*, which is usually transmitted by the bite of an infected tick; and,

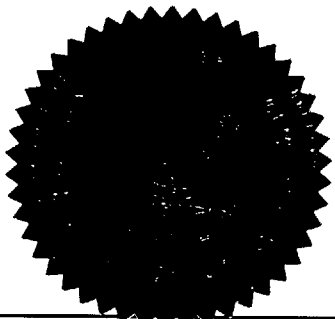
**Whereas**, There are no age limitations or ethnic boundaries on whom this disease can affect; and,

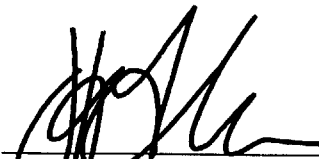
**Whereas**, Lyme disease can cause early symptoms such as a rash or flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headaches and fatigue; and,

**Whereas**, Proper tick removal is imperative and if done correctly and quickly, can aid in preventing disease; and,

**Whereas**, The Michigan Lyme Disease Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that encourages all health care providers in the State of Michigan to learn about current research and education regarding this public health threat; and now therefore be it,

**Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.



  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor