

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

June 2024

as

PLANT MICHIGAN GREEN MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to over 5,000 licensed plant nurseries, retail garden centers, and landscaping firms; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan is the third largest producer of floriculture crops and the largest young plant producer in the U.S., with a total crop wholesale value of \$711 million; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan ranks third for Christmas tree production and 16th in nursery stock sales in the U.S., bringing the total combined value of all ornamental crops to \$850 million.

WHEREAS, Michigan ranks first in the production of geraniums, begonias, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, hardy chrysanthemums, and New Guinea impatiens; and, Michigan ranks second in the production of hostas, Easter lilies, and pansies; and,

WHEREAS, the economic impact of nursery, perennial plant, Christmas tree, and sod producers is \$1.2 billion with distribution to 35 states and 40 countries, making Michigan the fourth-largest nursery industry in the nation. The landscape services and retail sectors in Michigan have an economic impact of \$4.5 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the green industry employs over 36,000 Michigan residents that make up the fourth largest agricultural commodity group in the state; and,

WHEREAS, green or landscaped spaces provide countless benefits to the environment, including soil erosion control, dust prevention, rainwater entrapment and groundwater recharge, solar heat dissipation, glare reduction, organic chemical/pollutant entrapment and degradation, and noise reduction; and,

WHEREAS, trees are natural air filters and just one tree removes 26 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year; additionally, proper selection and placement of trees, shrubs, and perennials can lower heating and cooling costs by 20 percent and reduce noise pollution by 50 percent; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we raise awareness of the positive economic and environmental impacts that the nursery and landscape industry has had, and continues to have, in the Great Lakes State; we encourage residents to Plant Michigan Green by visiting a local retail garden center, planting a tree, having a landscape installed, or simply taking the time to enjoy the beauty of Michigan's greenery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as Plant Michigan Green Month in Michigan.




Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

