

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

October 12 – October 16, 2020 as SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has served our nation admirably for more than 70 years through advanced practices and nutrition education; and,

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program has been joined through the years by many other excellent programs and is dedicated to children's health and well-being; and,

WHEREAS, school meals offer students fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and milk, while meeting federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories, and sodium; and,

WHEREAS, this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the USDA extended waivers so all students can eat free for this fall, underscoring how important school meals are for students and their families; and,

WHEREAS, there is evidence of continued need for nutrition education and awareness of the value of school nutrition programs; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Now Playing: School Lunch!" puts the spotlight on the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and brings us together in promoting the positive impact it has inside and outside the classroom;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 12 – October 16, 2020, as School Lunch Week in Michigan.

