

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

January 19, 2021
as
DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racial divisiveness rising in America's urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today, which threatens the very core of this great country's unified front; and,

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all have the opportunity to succeed; and,

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country, and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic, and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and,

WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and,

WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make changes within themselves that can have profound effects on an entire society; and,

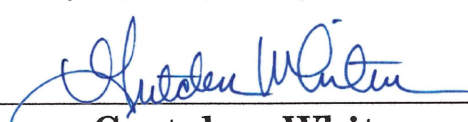
WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can bring about the necessary changes in thinking, behavior, and systems that will reduce the harmful effects of racial biases and propel this great country forward as a unified force; and,

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental, and overall well-being of our children; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 19, 2021, as the "National Day of Racial Healing" and urges all residents to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim that this state honors and recognizes January 19, 2021, as Day of Racial Healing in Michigan.




Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

