



STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

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

March 22, 2013 as

**LYNCH SYNDROME
HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, also called hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer, is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, pancreatic and other types of cancers; and,

WHEREAS, geneticists estimate that 25,000 people in Michigan and 600,000 people throughout the U.S. have Lynch syndrome, and health department studies show that only 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been screened for Lynch syndrome; and,

WHEREAS, according to national evidence-based recommendations, every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt genetic counseling and further testing; and,

WHEREAS, knowing about a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention and screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and,

WHEREAS, on this day, we join with the Michigan Department of Community Health to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Michigan; we encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, March 22, 2013 as Lynch Syndrome Hereditary Cancer Awareness Day in Michigan.



Rick Snyder
Governor

