

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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

June 17 – June 23, 2021

as

**WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Michigan recognize the often thankless job of waste and recycling workers; and,

**WHEREAS**, John Arwood, second-generation owner of Arwood Waste Collection Services, began the annual observance of National Garbage Man Day on June 17, 2012, which was renamed to Waste and Recycling Workers Week in 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the people employed by local refuse collection and hauling companies contracted by the State of Michigan make significant contributions to the safety, health, and welfare of our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, with an area spanning 96,716 square miles and thousands of miles of roads, Michigan depends on the collection of waste and recyclables to promote a clean and safe community; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the eradication of many diseases in the Western World is due in large part to higher public sanitation standards resulting from effective garbage disposal; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proper collection and disposal of waste and recyclables are vital to preventing disease, litter, and dump heaps; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan values and celebrates our local sanitation industry employees for their commitment to our residents, businesses, and communities in keeping our neighborhoods and streets safe and clean;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2021 as Waste and Recycling Workers Week in Michigan.



A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer.

**Gretchen Whitmer**  
Governor

