

# OAKLAND COUNTY DECLARATION

## L. Brooks Patterson & the Board of Commissioners

*Hereby Issue This Joint Proclamation Saluting*

### **Citizens Research Council of Michigan** *For 100 Years of Excellence in Public Policy* **Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**WHEREAS** *Citizens Research Council of Michigan was first organized in 1916 under the name Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research; after merging with the Michigan Public Expenditure Survey in 1949, the bureau became a statewide organization and adopted the name Citizens Research Council of Michigan in 1951; and*

**WHEREAS** *Citizens Research Council of Michigan has been an invaluable resource to state and local government officials as well as residents with its objective of providing factual, unbiased and independent information on significant issues concerning state and local government organization and finance; and*

**WHEREAS** *Citizens Research Council of Michigan is noted for the accuracy and objectivity of its research; over the years, it has made significant contributions to the ongoing debate over the appropriate role of government and has gained vast experience in virtually every facet of state and local government; and*

**WHEREAS** *Citizens Research Council of Michigan, whose hallmark is timely, reliable information researched in an independent, nonpartisan manner, has earned an exceptional reputation for credibility over the past century and is often the only organization that can address controversial issues in an objective fashion.*

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN** *that we, L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, and Michael J. Gingell, on behalf of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as Chairperson, do hereby authorize the issuance of this special proclamation honoring Citizens Research Council of Michigan as Michigan's oldest and most respected public policy research organization.*



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**L. Brooks Patterson**  
Oakland County Executive



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**Michael J. Gingell**  
Commissioner  
Board of Commissioners