



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,* Douglas B. Roberts has embodied a life of dedicated public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and
- Whereas,* Doug was a trusted financial and policy advisor to five governors from both major political parties, as well as legislators, treasurers, and budget directors during his four decades serving the state; and
- Whereas,* Doug’s leadership of the state Department of Treasury, Department of Management and Budget, Senate Fiscal Agency, Office of State Employer, State Tax Commission, and Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees provided those agencies with sound, prudent, direction for the betterment of all Michigan; and
- Whereas,* Doug’s keen understanding of the economy, taxation, public policy, and state government operations helped steer the state and its local governments through some very difficult economic and financial conditions; and
- Whereas,* Doug’s experience and depth of knowledge proved an invaluable resource for the Engler administration and legislators charged with crafting a new school finance system that culminated with voter adoption of Proposal A of 1994; and
- Whereas,* Doug continued serving Michigan even after he left state government by transitioning to director of Michigan State University’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, which houses programs such as the Michigan Political Leadership Program, Legislative Leadership Program, and Public Policy Forums;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Citizens Research Council celebrates Doug’s accomplishments and honors him with the “Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award” on this Wednesday, October 2, 2019.