



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Rick Snyder has embodied a life of dedicated public service for the betterment of Michigan and her citizens; and

Whereas, Rick, having recognized the need for new leadership in Michigan's state government, made the decision to step away from his business and venture capital interests to campaign for elected office; and

Whereas, Rick served two consecutive terms as Governor of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, Having taken office amidst a prolonged economic decline in Michigan and having inherited a nearly \$2 billion structural state budget deficit, Rick's budget initiatives focused on improving the state's balance sheet and bringing stability to state finances; and

Whereas, Rick brought structures of fiscal discipline to state government by introducing departmental score cards to improve transparency and accountability, and working with the legislature to tighten the budget process, thus allowing universities, K-12 school districts, local governments, and others to set their own budgets; and

Whereas, Rick recognized that policy leaders had been deferring attention on many issues for years and directed his team to focus their resources on issues such as a road funding plan, the state's pension liabilities, Medicaid expansion, and the Gordie Howe Bridge; and

Whereas, When the City of Detroit became the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy in 2013, Rick led a collaborative effort to address the city's chronic fiscal problems, working with a diverse range of stakeholders including state, city, regional, municipal employee union, bondholder, philanthropic interests, and other groups, to chart a path to fiscal stability and economic recovery; and

Whereas, Even after his tenure in public office, Rick's dedication to addressing issues affecting Michiganders remains unwavering;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Citizens Research Council celebrates Rick's accomplishments and honors him with the "Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. Public Service Award" on this Wednesday, September 17, 2025.