CERTIFICATE OF TRIBUTE

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I,
Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby honor the

Michigan Eye-Bank

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank is dedicated to the restoration of sight for the people of Michigan by providing corneal tissue for transplant, sponsoring research that contributes to new knowledge in sight restoration, and providing community education programs that promote organ, tissue, and eye donations in the state; and,

Whereas, The generosity of Michigan residents makes it possible for over 1,500 people annually to have a second chance at sight through corneal transplantation; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank, as a division of Midwest Eye-Banks, provides over $100,000 in research grants annually through the eye and vision research program, stimulating the discovery of new knowledge leading to blindness prevention and enhanced vision; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank provides public education in collaboration with Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, Gift of Life Michigan, and the Michigan Secretary of State to effectively raise public awareness about the continuing need for eye, organ, and tissue donation and transplantation; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank works in collaboration with The Minority Organ and Tissue Transplant Education program to increase donor awareness among minority populations; and,

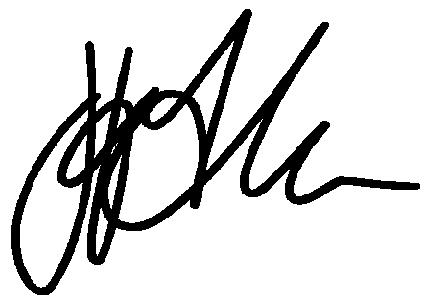
Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank is committed to promoting eye health and safety as a means of preserving sight; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank, as a division of Midwest Eye-Banks, has been at the forefront of clinical advances in eye banking, including the Scheduled Surgery Program, which has essentially eliminated the waiting time for a corneal transplant, committed medical director, and fully-accredited clinical staff; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank is committed to the legacy of eye, organ, and tissue donors, symbolized in a Donor Memorial Garden, located at the Eye-Bank's corporate headquarters; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Eye-Bank celebrates its 50th anniversary on November 14, 2007; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby offer this Certificate of Tribute to honor the 50th anniversary of the Michigan Eye-Bank and its dedication to the restoration of sight.



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor