STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

PROCLAMATION

No. 2006 – 1

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD

WHEREAS, under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, the Governor may proclaim that the flag of the United States of America be flown at half-staff; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff for 30 days from the death of a former President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Gerald R. Ford, Jr. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, served our nation with integrity, honor, and decency as the 38th President of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, President Ford also served our country with distinction as Vice-President of the United States, Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, a member of the United States House of Representatives, and as an officer in the United States Navy; and,

WHEREAS, among numerous other awards and honors, President Ford was awarded the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the nation, and the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by the legislative branch, for his "dedicated public service and outstanding humanitarian contributions"; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 2 of 2003 PA 225, MCL 435.302, the State of Michigan has formally recognized the significance of President Ford's leadership and important contributions to the history of the state of Michigan and the history of our great nation; and,

WHEREAS, the lifelong service of President Gerald R. Ford shines as an example for all in public service of the importance of civility and dedication to duty; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the flag of the United States of America be flown at half-staff throughout the state of Michigan as a mark of respect for the memory of, and in honor of, one of our own, President Gerald R. Ford;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the laws of the state of Michigan, and the laws of the United States of America, including Section 7 of Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States Code, 4 USC 7, proclaim:

1. The flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the State Capitol, at all state buildings and facilities, and throughout the state of Michigan through Thursday, January 25, 2007;

2. Michigan residents, businesses, schools, local governments, and other organizations also are urged to display the flag of the United States at half-staff in memory of President Ford;

3. As provided by federal law, when displayed at half-staff, the flag of the United States should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day;

4. This proclamation shall be transmitted to the family of President Gerald R. Ford with the condolences of the Governor; and

5. This proclamation is effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Michigan this 27th day of December in the year of our Lord, two thousand and six.

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE