JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION
No. 2005 – 4

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROSA L. PARKS

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;

WHEREAS, Rosa L. Parks received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, this nation's highest civilian honor, from President Bill Clinton on September 9, 1996;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Rosa L. Parks received the Congressional Gold Medal which honored her as the "first lady of civil rights" and the "mother of the freedom movement" as provided by United State Public Law 106-26;

WHEREAS, Rosa L. Parks served her country as an aide to United States Representative John Conyers from 1965 until 1988;

WHEREAS, under Section 1 of 1997 PA 28, MCL 435.111, the State of Michigan has formally recognized the outstanding contributions to American life, history, and culture made by Rosa L. Parks, a woman of great courage, vision, love, and faith, who for decades resided in our great state, laboring to achieve equality for all;

WHEREAS, the courage of Rosa L. Parks is a reminder of the power of every individual to stand up for human dignity and to touch hearts that have almost turned to stone;

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 and in honor of Rosa L. Parks;

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:

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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 from Monday, October 31, 2005, until sundown on Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

2. This proclamation shall be transmitted to the family of Rosa L. Parks, with the condolences of the Governor.

3. This proclamation is effective upon filing.

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

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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