

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



## CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 2021

as

**CRAFT DISTILLERY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's craft spirit producers are a key component of our state's agricultural processing industry and craft beverage sector, contributing more than \$1 billion in total economic impact; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 20 craft spirits producers pivoted manufacturing to create hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was vital to the health and safety of Michigan communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan craft spirit producers continue to distill nationally-recognized, award winning craft beverages; and,

**WHEREAS**, craft spirit businesses in our state utilize more than two million pounds of Michigan grown grain and fruits in their production; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan ranks seventh in the nation for craft distilleries with more than 80 businesses in operation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Michigan craft distilleries are a vital component of community placemaking efforts and the state's tourism industry; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with Michigan consumers in support of the "craft spirits in moderation" concept, and encourage adult residents and tourists in Michigan to visit the distilleries of our great state and enjoy pure Michigan-made craft spirits;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as Michigan Craft Distillery Month.



  
Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

