



The Day of the Horse December 13, 2025

Whereas, Michigan recognizes the role of equines in the economy, history and character of Michigan. Our forefathers used horses to settle the prairie and build our great state, transport people and goods, herd cattle, power mills, pull barges, serve in the military, fight fires, and deliver mail; and,

Whereas, the horse of today is vital in assisting police crowd control, providing therapeutic aid to veterans and disabled persons, continuing to work our farms, and are also used for pleasure riding and racing; and,

Whereas, there are equine property of all sizes in Michigan, including breeding farms, boarding and training facilities, show grounds, and equine-based therapy centers; and

Whereas, equine opportunities encompass thousands of acres, making for a significant part of our land kept in open space, pasture and forestland; and,

Whereas, horses are the source of Michigan jobs and income for thousands of residents, both directly and indirectly, including services such as veterinarians, trainers, farriers, chiropractors, grooms, stable hands, entertainers, carriage/sleigh/hay wagon drivers, jockeys, and sellers of goods such as lumber, hay, grain, grass seed, bedding, tack, trucks, horse trailers and more; and,

Whereas, the Horse Council of Michigan helps promote and educate the public about the importance of horses in Michigan; and,

Whereas, there are many significant benefits brought to Michigan agriculture benefits brought to Michigan agriculture, tourism, and quality of life through the equine industry;

Now, Therefore, I Rick Synder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim December 13, 2016 as Michigan Day of the Horse.

