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Dear Friends,

It's county fair season, Michigan! Grab your family and friends and head down to one of Michigan's 80+ county fairs happening in communities across our state during the 2026 fair season.

From the grandstand concerts at the Ionia Free Fair, one the nation's largest free-admission fairs, to classic livestock shows and agricultural exhibits at the Hillsdale County Fair, Michigan's county fairs feature learning and fun for the whole family.

There's something special about our communities coming together each year for their county fairs and celebrating what makes Michigan such a great place to live—our vibrant communities, rich agricultural heritage, and hardworking families. Whether you're enjoying local foods, cheering on the next generation of 4-H stars and future leaders of Michigan's agricultural industry, or just soaking in the excitement, I have no doubt that you will have a great time at your local county fair.

As your Governor, I am proud of the hard work and passion that goes into the exhibits and projects showcased at our county fairs. I want to thank all the sponsors, exhibitors, or fairgoers for supporting your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan