

# STATE OF MICHIGAN



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Office

Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## CERTIFICATE OF TRIBUTE

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm  
hereby honor the

### Little Caesars Veterans Program

**Whereas**, Little Caesars Pizza founders Michael and Marian Ilitch opened their first restaurant in 1959 in Garden City, Michigan, and Little Caesars is today the world's largest carry-out pizza chain internationally with restaurants on five continents; and

**Whereas**, Little Caesars believes in giving back to the people and the communities that have helped grow their business across the country; and

**Whereas**, Little Caesars also believes that our veterans, the men and women who have given so much to serve our country, should return home with business prospects to help them achieve their hopes and dreams; and,

**Whereas**, The Little Caesars Veterans Program was created to honor qualified veterans by providing them with an outstanding business opportunity and to thank them for the sacrifices they and their families made for our country; and,

**Whereas**, Founder Mike Ilitch, a former Marine and former Detroit Tigers minor league baseball player, is familiar with facing transitions and never forgot the struggle of trying to answer the question, "what now" after suffering an injury that abruptly ended his baseball career, and the Little Caesars Veterans Program was created out of this experience; and,

**Whereas**, The Little Caesars Veterans Program provides veterans with the opportunity to become leaders in the communities they serve, to maximize their potential, and to realize a strong sense of accomplishment when they transition to civilian life or seek a career change;

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved**, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby offer this Certificate of Tribute to The Little Caesars Veterans Program, in recognition of its efforts to help veterans realize their dreams by owning a business and offer my sincere appreciation to Mike Ilitch for his commitment to America's veterans.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of Michigan on this day of  
November, Two Thousand and Eight



Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor