

**2002-2**  
**Michigan Proclamations for National 4-H Centennial Celebration**

**Clinton County Proclamation**

WHEREAS, connecting youth and adults to work together to create positive and more stable futures for all young people can bridge the differences that separate people and help solve social problems; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan 4-H Youth Development has been a key partner for communities in creating safe environments where young people learn new skills, develop meaningful relationships with peers and adults, explore and appreciate the diversity of the world's people, and take leadership for their own development; and,

WHEREAS, these opportunities also lead to developing youth who are committed leaders using strengths built through opportunities for service in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Clinton County 4-H Youth Development programs, activities and volunteer development ensure these outcomes for the hundreds of youth involved in 4-H in this community; and,

WHEREAS, today, as it has been since 4-H began, learning experiences use the knowledge and research base of our state's land grant institution -- Michigan State University -- in the Cooperative Extension Service partnership with Michigan State government and our own Clinton County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County 4-H Youth Development is part of a national 4-H movement that has created fun, educational experiences for young people in communities throughout America for 100 years;

WHEREAS, 2002, as the centennial year of the 4-H movement, offers a time to celebrate our combined contributions since the inception of 4-H to the positive development of young people in our community, our state, our country and our world;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Clinton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim

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in Clinton County and encourage my fellow citizens to join us in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of 4-H's past, the innovations of its present programming and its continuing commitment to the future of our community's young people.