

# Governor Proclaims Champions' Day



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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FRANK D FITZGERALD  
GOVERNOR

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To the People of the State of Michigan:

In view of the fact that Michigan has won such an amazing total of athletic championships within the past year as to earn the title of the "State of Champions", I deem it fitting that a day should be set aside to honor those who have brought this distinction to our State. Therefore, I am glad to designate Saturday, April 18, as the "Day of Champions". It is my earnest wish that citizens of the state will observe the day by a display of flags, banners and pictures of our champions when possible.

Such champions as the Red Wings and Olympic hockey teams, the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, Gar Wood, Dick Degener and Joe Louis, have contributed much to the fame of Michigan. The prestige they have given Michigan and Detroit cannot be over-estimated.

Therefore, I hope citizens in general will find occasion to do honor to our outstanding athletes and their matchless achievements on this day.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank D. Fitzgerald".

Governor