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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the state of Michigan, I'd like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Beal Botanical Garden 150th Anniversary.

Founded in 1873, the Beal Botanical Garden is the longest continuously operated botanical university garden in the United States and illuminates the interconnectedness between people, plants, and places. This free, public living laboratory in the heart of MSU's campus encourages learning and exploration of the natural world. The garden's commitment to accessible education about the natural world has sparked a deep intergenerational care and respect for Michigan's native environment for so many people. May this event provide a space to celebrate all your great accomplishments over the years.

I would also like to extend my deepest recognition to all those involved in caring for and preserving the garden for generations to come. As a graduate of Michigan State, I know that the Beal Botanical Garden holds a special place for many who've had the privilege of spending time among the foliage and greenery of the garden. I have no doubt that this event will continue to display the Beal Botanical Garden's insight, talent, and devotion to building a brighter state.

Again, welcome to the Beal Botanical Garden 150th Anniversary. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan