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Great Lakes Business Network applauds Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s climate executive order

LANSING, Mich. – Business leaders from the **Great Lakes Business Network** (GLBN) applauded **Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s** plan to tackle dangerous climate change by signing [Executive Order 2020-182](#).

The executive order calls for Michigan to become carbon neutral by 2050. Michigan would join four other states – California, New York, Hawaii and Maine – with carbon neutrality goals.

“We applaud Gov. Whitmer for her strong leadership and bold action to protect Michigan’s environment by doing our part to reduce the catastrophic impacts of climate change,” said **Bob Sutherland**, president of **Cherry Republic**. “Protecting the Great Lakes and Michigan’s natural resources is critically important to Northern Michigan’s tourism economy and to future generations.”

“Gov. Whitmer’s plan for Michigan to become carbon neutral will create good paying jobs, improve our quality of life, protect our air, land and water and save lives by reducing dangerous pollution,” said **Jim MacInnes**, CEO of **Crystal Mountain**. “At Crystal Mountain, we have seen firsthand the impact of extreme weather on Michigan’s tourism industry and we applaud the governor for laying out ambitious goals and a bold plan to reduce the impact of climate change in Michigan.”

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