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GOV. SNYDER ADDRESSES HEALTHY MICHIGAN, POPULATION GROWTH AND MORE IN STATE OF STATE ADDRESS

In his 7th State of the State address last night, Gov. Rick Snyder pinpointed several of his accomplishments in the state over the past year, and gave insight into his priorities for the coming year.

Some of the major topics Gov. Snyder covered include showing both pride for Healthy Michigan, the state's program to expand Medicaid to more Michigan residents, and concern that Federal changes to health policy could impact the program which, which Snyder hopes to share as a "model that works for the country."

Gov. Snyder also talked about the progress in Flint and the work that is left to do, his vision to boost Michigan's population, and repeated his call for federal funding of a reconstruction of the Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie.

Other accomplishments in his address included: energy reform, autonomous vehicles, Detroit Public Schools, third grade reading, veterans' homes, opioid abuse, First Responder benefits, and reforming "Zero Tolerance."

In addition, his priorities for 2017 include: making Michigan a leader in mobility, addressing infrastructure needs, creating accountable quality education, strengthening our communities, and growing the population by 71-thousand people to more than ten million by 2020.