



STATE of MINNESOTA

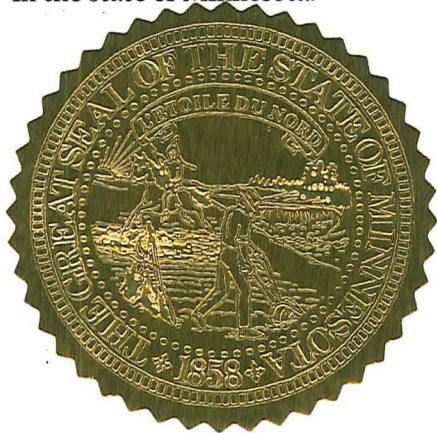
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nearly one million students receive secondary agricultural education in United States public schools; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, more than 21,000 students receive secondary agricultural education with 10,826 of those being members of the Minnesota FFA Organization; and
- WHEREAS: More than 650 agricultural educators teach in over 200 public middle schools, high schools, post-secondary institutions, and Farm Business Management programs in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: There is a nationwide teacher shortage in agricultural education and many agricultural education programs suffer from the lack of qualified teachers; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators, on behalf of the National Council for Agricultural Education, is celebrating National Teach Ag Day on September 22, 2016, as one component of the National Teach Ag Campaign; and
- WHEREAS: The goal of National Teach Ag Day is to have every agricultural educator in America encourage their students to consider a career in agricultural education; and
- WHEREAS: Agricultural educators contribute to strong and effective education in public schools; and
- WHEREAS: The dedication and quality teaching of agricultural educators can positively impact a student's growth and future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 22, 2016, as:

TEACH AG DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 14th day of September.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE