



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and
- WHEREAS: After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located in Massachusetts and Idaho; and
- WHEREAS: After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942, both in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota, and helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota through exhibition matches, and refereed the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament; and
- WHEREAS: In 1944, Dr. Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico, where he was immersed in scientific research in genetics for the next 16 years, and he was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug's agriculture research in Mexico improved crop management practices and transformed agricultural production in Mexico during the 1940s and 1950s, and later in Asia and Latin America; and
- WHEREAS: In 1970, Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime work in agriculture, which has resulted in saving hundreds of millions of human lives by preventing famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and is one of only five people in the world to receive this medal, the Nobel Peace Prize, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his 95th year, and his legacy will live on as an inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2016, as:

DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



Steve Pinnon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 7th day of October.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR