



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's schools significantly influence the nutrition students receive and the development of healthy habits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant, small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and
- WHEREAS: The Farm to School Program enriches the connection between communities and their local food producers by supporting access and educational opportunities for students, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens local economies and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School is growing rapidly in Minnesota with more than 268 school districts participating, serving more than fifty percent of Minnesota's student population; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to School practices and joins in celebrating National Farm to School Month in October.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, as:

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

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 26th day of September.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE