

STATE of MINNESOTA

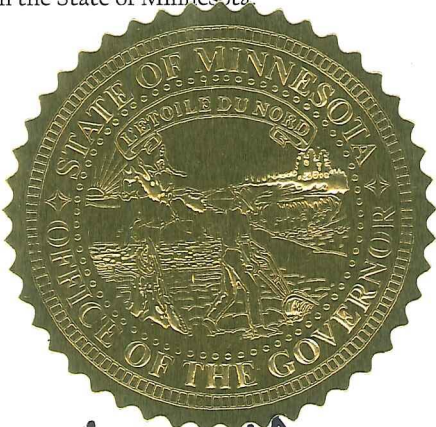
Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a county-run program that helps Minnesotans with low incomes purchase nutritious food; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP is a public program that creates an economic boost in communities where benefits are redeemed; and
- WHEREAS: The SNAP participation rate among eligible Minnesotans is 66 percent overall and 57 percent for individuals age 60 and older; and
- WHEREAS: The Nutritious Food Coalition, which consists of community, business, government, and nonprofit organizations, has encouraged eligible Minnesotans to participate in SNAP since 2012; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP Education and Outreach services are collaborative networks promoting healthy eating and active living, and increasing access to accurate program information and application assistance; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP Education and Outreach services are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension, the seven Anishinaabe tribes — Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Red Lake, and White Earth — and 31 community-based agencies.
- WHEREAS: Children in families receiving SNAP are less likely to be underweight or at risk for developmental delays, are more likely to have better school attendance, and be more focused in the classroom; and
- WHEREAS: Good nutrition can help older adults remain independent and in their own homes longer; and every dollar spent on nutrition education saves up to \$10 in long-term health care costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2017, as:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION AND OUTREACH MONTH

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 12th day of December.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR