



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Dakota County Farm Bureau Association has over 1,200 members and is considered the "Voice of Agriculture" in Dakota County; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture is an important part of the economy in Dakota County and the Dakota County Farm Bureau Association has been and continues to support agriculture; and

WHEREAS: The Dakota County Farm Bureau Association supports leadership training of its members, and has had many members serve as elected officials, and in leadership positions and ambassador roles in other organizations; and

WHEREAS: A past president of the Dakota County Farm Bureau Association, the Honorable Ed Thye, served from 1932-39 and was elected the 26<sup>th</sup> Governor of Minnesota and served two terms in the U.S. Senate; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Walter Klaus served twice as president and also served as a representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Members of Dakota County Farm Bureau Association have been recognized with Honorary Life Membership by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation including Walter Klaus, George & Phyllis Betzold, and Rozetta & George Hallcock as well as many Dakota County Farm Families of the Year; and

WHEREAS: Dakota County Farm Bureau Association promotes and supports agriculture through agricultural education projects including high school scholarships, donating agricultural books to Dakota County elementary schools and providing farm safety education and equipment for EMT's; and

WHEREAS: Dakota County Farm Bureau Association will be turning 100 years old on February 16, 2017 and will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 16, 2017, as:

## DAKOTA COUNTY FARM BUREAU DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



  
LT. GOVERNOR

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR