



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: More than half of all Minnesotans live in our state's urban areas; and
- WHEREAS: Nutrient-rich vegetables and lean fish protein are key ingredients for a healthy diet; and
- WHEREAS: Urban Organics, a St. Paul, Minnesota-based company, is demonstrating that urban buildings can host indoor fisheries and vegetable farms using aquaponics; and
- WHEREAS: Aquaponics systems conserve water, eliminate the need for pesticides, and, by raising food near its intended consumers, can reduce transportation-related pollution; and
- WHEREAS: Urban farms can be set-up inside already-existing structures, giving new life to abandoned buildings, restoring vitality to neighborhoods, and creating jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Urban Organics set-up a successful fish and greens farm inside St. Paul's abandoned Hamm's Brewery; and
- WHEREAS: The conversion of historic buildings into working urban farms has the potential to be a model for a global revolution in food production and put our state on the map for innovation; and
- WHEREAS: Eat Local Day will be celebrated in Minnesota on June 1, 2017, as Urban Organics opens its newest aquaponics facility inside the former Schmidt brewery in St. Paul.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 1, 2017, as:

EAT LOCAL 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 1st day of June.


GOVERNOR


LT. GOVERNOR