



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and their development of healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant, small- and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School programs enrich the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School programs improve student access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School programs empower children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the economic well-being of communities across the state; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School programs are growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 268 school districts participating, serving more than one-half of Minnesota's student population; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to School practices and celebrates Farm to School and National Farm to School Month in October.

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

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Pimm

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 27th day of September.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR