



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies are greatly increasing in number and severity, and hospitalizations due to severe reactions are increasing; and
- WHEREAS: Food allergy reactions may include hives, tingling or itchy sensation in the mouth, swelling of the throat, face, tongue, or lips, gastrointestinal symptoms, difficulty breathing, loss of consciousness, and even death; and
- WHEREAS: Epinephrine, a drug comparable to the adrenaline produced by the body, which when given promptly is the only medication that can counteract the symptoms of anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction; and
- WHEREAS: More than 200,000 Minnesotans have food allergies, and the number of Minnesota elementary school students affected by food allergies has nearly doubled to more than 60,000 since 1998; and
- WHEREAS: At least 170 foods have been identified as causes of anaphylaxis in medical literature; and
- WHEREAS: Ninety percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States are caused by eight major allergens: milk, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, and soybeans; and
- WHEREAS: Managing food allergies is a challenge for cafeterias, restaurants, schools, and individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13-19, 2018, as:

## FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE