



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Agriculture contributes tremendous bounty and economic activity to the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Farm families are the foundation of Minnesota's agricultural economy, strengthening rural communities in every corner of our state; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota farm families raise crops and livestock efficiently while protecting the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota farmers and agricultural producers generate \$90 billion annually for our economy, including more than \$7.3 billion in exports; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota recognizes the vital role of farm families, and celebrates the many contributions of farm families through the Farm Family Recognition Program; and
- WHEREAS: Families representing 80 different counties from throughout the state have been named a "2018 Farm Family of the Year"; and
- WHEREAS: These families were chosen based on their contributions to the agriculture industry, their communities, and the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 9, 2018, as:

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE