

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Agriculture is a critical part of Minnesota's economy, and Minnesota farmers play an integral role in feeding people across the state and around the world; and
- WHEREAS: Agricultural workers account for over 30 percent of work-related deaths in Minnesota, but make up less than two percent of the workforce; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's farmers work hard on 73,600 agricultural operations throughout the state, which are crucial to the integrity of our food supply and our economic strength; and
- WHEREAS: Safeguarding the health and well-being of farm owners, operators, employees, and visitors is essential to farm families across Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Fall harvest season is a demanding time for those working in agriculture as they cope with unpredictable weather, time restraints, long days, and other unique stressors; and
- WHEREAS: Preventing farm fatalities and decreasing accidents and injuries leads to stronger, healthier agricultural communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center works to keep farm families, workers, and all participants in agriculture safe and healthy; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota Farm Safety and Health Week, in conjunction with National Farm Safety and Health Week, raises awareness of the vital, continuous need for improving safety for all of Minnesota's farm families and workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16-22, 2018 as:

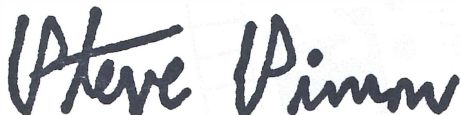
FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

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 13th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE