



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Nearly one million students receive secondary agricultural education in United States public schools; and
- WHEREAS: In Minnesota, more than 21,000 students receive secondary agricultural education, with 10,843 of those being members of the Minnesota FFA Organization; and
- WHEREAS: More than 670 agricultural educators teach in over 200 public middle schools, high schools, post-secondary institutions, and Farm Business Management programs in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators is celebrating National Teach Ag Day on September 20, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: The goal of National Teach Ag Day is to have every agricultural educator in America encourage their students to consider a career in agricultural education; and
- WHEREAS: There is a nationwide teacher shortage in agricultural education, and many agricultural education programs suffer from the lack of qualified teachers; and
- WHEREAS: Agricultural educators contribute to a strong and effective education in public schools; and
- WHEREAS: A student's growth and future are positively impacted by the dedication and high-quality teachings of agricultural educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, September 20, 2018, as:

## TEACH AGRICULTURE 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of September.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE