



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: October Co-op Month has deep roots in Minnesota, with the first official State proclamation signed by Minnesota Governor Luther Youngdahl in 1948, and the celebration turning national in 1964 when former Minnesota Governor Orville Freeman— then U.S. Secretary of Agriculture— proclaimed a national Co-op Month; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota became one of the first states to enact a law authorizing cooperatives; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has a proud heritage of people working together for mutual benefit; and
- WHEREAS: More than 800 Minnesota-based cooperatives provide agricultural marketing and supply services, financing, electricity, transportation, health care, food, housing, insurance, and many other products and services to over 3 million member-owners; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is the leading state in hosting all types of cooperatives, and in memberships for those cooperatives; and
- WHEREAS: Cooperatives are locally grown by everyday people who join together to solve a problem or meet a need; and
- WHEREAS: Cooperatives are owned and democratically-controlled, and give people who belong to them a real stake in their economic destiny; and
- WHEREAS: The cooperative philosophy of working together has promoted community well-being, and improves the quality of life for Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2018 as:

CO-OP MONTH

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 18th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE