



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota schools significantly influence students' access to nutrition services, and the development of lifelong healthy eating habits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and
- WHEREAS: The Farm to School program enriches community connections to local producers and fresh, healthy food by changing food purchasing and education practices at participating schools; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School supports students' access to local food and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed dietary decisions and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School is growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 268 school districts participating, and more than one-half of Minnesota's student population served; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of the Farm to School program and celebrates National Farm to School Month in October.

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

FARM TO SCHOOL 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