



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and
- WHEREAS: After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located in Massachusetts and Idaho; and
- WHEREAS: After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942, in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Norman Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota. Through exhibition matches, he helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota and refereed the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament; and
- WHEREAS: In 1944, Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico. This appointment allowed him to be involved in scientific research in genetics and for the next 16 years, he was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and
- WHEREAS: Borlaug's agriculture research in Mexico improved crop management practices and transformed agricultural production in Mexico, Latin America, and Asia; and
- WHEREAS: In 1970, Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime work in agriculture, which has resulted in saving millions of human lives by preventing famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug is one of only five people in the world to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, Nobel Peace Prize, and Presidential Medal of Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his 95th year, and his legacy will live on as an inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2012 as:

DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG 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 11th day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE