



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Agriculture contributes tremendous bounty and economic activity to the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Farm families are the foundation of Minnesota agriculture and Minnesota's rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm families raise crops and livestock efficiently, while protecting the environment; and
- WHEREAS: The production from Minnesota family farms fuels more than three billion dollars in exports and provides the raw material for Minnesota's leadership in renewable energy; and
- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota recognizes the vital role of farm families and celebrates the role of farm families through the Farm Family Recognition Program; and
- WHEREAS: Several families from various Minnesota counties have been named a "2013 Farm Family of the Year;" and
- WHEREAS: These families were chosen based on their contributions to the agriculture industry, their communities, and the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 8, 2013, as:

## FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of July.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE