



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Farmers markets are important outlets for agricultural producers, providing them with increased marketing opportunities and supporting the sustainability of small family farms and the revitalization of rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets provide consumers with locally grown, fresh foods and the opportunity to purchase directly from the farmer; and
- WHEREAS: More than 150 farmers markets in Minnesota offer convenient access to farm-fresh, affordable, and healthful products, including produce, meats, and dairy; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets serve as integral links among urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and consumers opportunities to interact; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets can help promote child health and reduce childhood obesity by increasing children's access to fresh fruits and vegetables; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strongly supports and promotes the development, operation, and expansion of farmers markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2012 as:

FARMERS MARKET WEEK

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 31st day of July.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE