



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number and severity of hospitalizations due to food allergies are greatly increasing; and
- WHEREAS: Ninety percent of all food allergies in the United States are caused by eight major allergens: milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, and soybeans; and
- WHEREAS: Food allergy reactions can include hives; tingling or itchy sensations in the mouth; swelling of the throat, face, tongue, or lips; loss of consciousness; and even death; and
- WHEREAS: Epinephrine, a drug comparable to the adrenaline produced by the body, is the only medication that can counteract the symptoms of severe allergic reactions, if administered promptly; and
- WHEREAS: More than 200,000 Minnesotans have food allergies, including 30,000 elementary school students; and
- WHEREAS: Managing food allergies is a challenge for cafeterias, restaurants, schools, and individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13-19, 2012 as:

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS 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 7th day of May.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE