



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 55,000 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 12 - 18, 2013 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 11th day of April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE