



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Hunger exists in communities even in the best of times, and in the past three years, Minnesota food shelves reported an unprecedented number of seniors and children represented through food shelf visits; and

WHEREAS: Last year, Minnesota schools reported a record 36.6 percent of all students were on free or reduced-price lunch, and the creeping effects of hunger can include poor health, slowed recovery from illness or injury, poor performance at school and at work, teen suicide, and senior diabetes; and

WHEREAS: Food shelves in Minnesota distribute millions of pounds of food annually to ease the effects of hunger; and

WHEREAS: Food shelf visits in Minnesota remain at record highs, and historically, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign has provided more than half the food distributed annually through food shelves; and

WHEREAS: The success of the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign depends upon the participation of businesses, civic groups, faith communities, schools, and individuals in every community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 2012 as:

## MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE