



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesota FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for youth, the future of agriculture in Minnesota, and the profession of agricultural education; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota FFA promotes leadership, personal growth, and career success among its 9,550 members, through career and technical education experiences in secondary agriculture; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota FFA members earned more than \$3.8 million and invested more than \$3.5 million through work-based educational internships and entrepreneurial, supervised agricultural experiences in 2012; and

WHEREAS: Agricultural education and the FFA ensure that young professionals meet the growing demands in the agriculture, food, and natural resources sectors of Minnesota's agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS: The FFA motto – "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve" – compliments the Minnesota FFA Association theme "Dare to Do;" and

WHEREAS: The FFA develops leaders within chapters, schools, and communities by encouraging cooperation, promoting good citizenship, and inspiring patriotism among its members; and

WHEREAS: The FFA is a vital part of quality, intra-curricular education, developing good citizens, leaders, entrepreneurs, employees, executives, and the supply of agricultural educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 16 – 23, 2013 as:

## MINNESOTA FFA 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE