



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, is a county-run program that helps low-income Minnesotans purchase food for sound nutrition and well-balanced meals; and

WHEREAS: The SNAP participation rate in Minnesota is sixty-five percent overall, and forty-four percent for seniors age sixty and older; and

WHEREAS: SNAP is the only public benefit program that also serves as an economic stimulus, creating an economic boost when new benefits are redeemed; and

WHEREAS: SNAP outreach and education services, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by the Minnesota Department of Human Services in conjunction with the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, include a collaborative network of community-based agencies to increase access to accurate information and application of the program and participation, especially among the working poor and seniors; and

WHEREAS: The benefits of SNAP are numerous: well-nourished children have better school attendance and are more focused on learning; good nutrition may help older adults remain independent and live in their own homes longer; employees whose food needs are met at home may have higher productivity at work and take fewer sick days for themselves and their children; and every dollar spent on nutrition education saves up to ten dollars in long-term health care costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2013 as:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OUTREACH 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 26th day of December.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature in blue ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE