



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: In honor of Thanksgiving Day 1961, President John F. Kennedy wrote, "We are grateful for the blessings of faith and health and strength and for the imperishable spiritual gifts of love and hope. We give thanks, too, for our freedom as a nation; for the strength of our arms and the faith of our friends; for the beliefs and confidence we share; for our determination to stand firmly for what we believe to be right and to resist mightily what we believe to be base; and for the heritage of liberty bequeathed by our ancestors which we are privileged to preserve for our children and our children's children"; and

WHEREAS: We give thanks for the blessings and joys in our lives, and pray that those who mourn, find comfort; those who are in harm's way, find safety; and we all continue to look after the state we love; and

WHEREAS: We give thanks for the continuing service of our heroic military men and women and law enforcement personnel and their families, whose selfless sacrifices ensure the safety and freedom we deeply cherish; and

WHEREAS: We give thanks for the beauty of Minnesota's land and the dedication of our farm families, whose efforts put food on Thanksgiving tables across our nation; and

WHEREAS: We give thanks for the progress achieved through learning, productivity, and innovation, which makes Minnesota a leader in business and education; and

WHEREAS: We give thanks for the quality life we enjoy in Minnesota, due in part to our efforts in health care, high level of volunteerism, world-class educational system, and the abundance of valuable services provided to the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS: Even in these trying economic times, we must pause to reflect on our freedoms, our blessings, and our democratic way of life, and give thanks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2012 as:

## THANKSGIVING DAY

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE