



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener volunteer program brings university knowledge and expertise in horticulture science to Minnesotans, while teaching about environmental stewardship, assisting with research, and engaging youth through gardening; and
- WHEREAS: More than 2,200 Master Gardener volunteers are active in nearly all Minnesota counties, contributing 130,000 volunteer hours annually; and
- WHEREAS: Master Gardener volunteers help address critical needs in the state, including protecting natural resources, increasing access to fresh food, and teaching youth about plant sciences; and
- WHEREAS: The 2012 Upper Midwest Regional Master Gardener Conference, held July 19-21 at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, Minnesota, coincides with the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2012 as:

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA EXTENSION MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE