



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and
- WHEREAS: After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located in Massachusetts and Idaho; and
- WHEREAS: After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942 in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Norman Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota. Through exhibition matches, he helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota and refereed the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament; and
- WHEREAS: In 1944, Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico. This appointment allowed him to be involved in scientific research in genetics and for the next 16 years, he was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and
- WHEREAS: Borlaug's agriculture research in Mexico improved crop management practices and transformed agricultural production in Mexico, Latin America, and Asia; and
- WHEREAS: In 1970, Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime work in agriculture, which has resulted in saving millions of human lives by preventing famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, one of only five people in the world to receive this medal, the Nobel Peace Prize, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his 95th year, and in this, the 100th year anniversary of his birth, we pay special tribute to Dr. Borlaug, ensuring his legacy will live on as an inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 25, 2014, as:

DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG 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 20th day of March.


GOVERNOR




SECRETARY OF STATE