



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Family and Consumer Sciences began in 1899 as home economics, when Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, blazed a path using scientific knowledge to address the needs of families regarding water quality, food safety, and safety of home environments; and
- WHEREAS: Building on its strong foundation, Family and Consumer Sciences continues on with the family as its central focus, expanding its content base to meet the family's ever-evolving needs; and
- WHEREAS: Family and Consumer Sciences utilizes the content areas of food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues to equip and empower individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse, global society; and
- WHEREAS: Family and Consumer Sciences professionals promote preparing and eating meals together as a way to strengthen families and improve nutrition; and
- WHEREAS: Family and Consumer Sciences professionals work in careers as diverse as secondary and higher education, extension outreach, family and child agencies, consumer protection, retail, business, and entrepreneurial endeavors; and
- WHEREAS: There is a need for awareness and understanding of the relevance of Family and Consumer Sciences in addressing many of the problems that families face today.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 3, 2014, as:

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE