



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and their development of healthy eating habits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant, small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School is growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 200 school districts participating, serving more than one-half of Minnesota's student population; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to School practices and celebrates Farm to School and National Farm to School Month in October.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014, as:

## FARM TO SCHOOL 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September.



  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE