



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: As many as 15 million Americans have food allergies and nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and
- WHEREAS: Research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and
- WHEREAS: Eight foods cause ninety percent of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include: hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and
- WHEREAS: According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergies result in more than 300,000 ambulatory care visits a year involving children under age 18. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and
- WHEREAS: Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and
- WHEREAS: Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11-17, 2014, as:

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

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 5th day of May.


GOVERNOR





SECRETARY OF STATE