



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, is a county-run program that helps Minnesotans with low incomes purchase food for nutritious and well-balanced meals; and
- WHEREAS: The SNAP participation rate in Minnesota is 66 percent overall and 57 percent for seniors age 60 and older; and
- WHEREAS: Since forming in 2012, The Nutritious Food Coalition, consisting of community, business, government and nonprofit organizations, has reached out to eligible Minnesotans to encourage participation in the SNAP program; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP is a public program that creates an economic boost in communities where new benefits are redeemed; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP education and outreach services include a collaborative network of community-based agencies that promote healthy eating and active living, and increase access to accurate information and application assistance, especially for Minnesotans with low incomes; and
- WHEREAS: SNAP benefits help decrease the prevalence of poverty, especially child poverty; young children in families receiving benefits are less likely to be underweight or at risk for developmental delays; well-nourished children have better school attendance and are more focused; good nutrition can help older adults remain independent and in their own homes longer; and every dollar spent on nutrition education saves up to \$10 in long-term health care costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2016, as:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION AND OUTREACH MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



Steve Simon

SECRETARY OF STATE

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 22nd day of December.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR