



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Family businesses are critical to the success of our state and national economy; and
- WHEREAS: Family businesses enhance our communities by providing stable, trustworthy services; and
- WHEREAS: According to *Family Business*, ninety percent of businesses in the United States are family businesses and create eighty-six percent of all new jobs in the country; and
- WHEREAS: Family businesses generate forty-nine percent of our gross domestic product and employ eighty percent of the U.S. workforce; and
- WHEREAS: Thirty-seven percent of Fortune 500 companies are family controlled, and sixty percent of all publicly held U.S. companies are family controlled; and
- WHEREAS: Cargill, with its headquarters in the State of Minnesota, is the largest family business in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2011 as:

## FAMILY BUSINESS AWARENESS 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE