



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Soil is one of Minnesota's unique natural resources, directly supporting crop production, horticulture, livestock and poultry, dairy, energy production, forestry, fiber production, residential lawns, recreational areas and parks, and the treatment of wastewater and biosolids; and

WHEREAS: 2012 and 2013 are noteworthy years for soil in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, the Minnesota Legislature designated Lester soils as the official state soil of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The Smithsonian Soil Exhibit at the University of Minnesota Bell Museum will open Thursday, November 8, 2012, and run through Wednesday, July 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Association of Professional Soil Scientists will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Soil, Water, and Climate at the University of Minnesota will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2012 as:

## SOILS 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE