



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: For the past six years, Minnesota has worked to eradicate bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and regain its statewide TB-Free Status; and
- WHEREAS: With the help of nearly 500 veterinarians, Minnesota producers have tested more than 800,000 head of cattle for bovine Tuberculosis; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Board of Animal Health tracked thousands of animal movements, ensuring effective animal traceability; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's cattle farmers contributed nearly one million dollars to help support bovine TB eradication activities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota deer hunters and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have tested nearly 14,000 wild deer for the bacterial disease; and
- WHEREAS: Nearly fourteen miles of deer exclusion fencing was installed on northwestern Minnesota farms; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's efforts have raised the bar in disease eradication by showcasing how producers and local, state, and federal agencies should work together, work quickly, and work effectively to eliminate a disease; and
- WHEREAS: The dedication and perseverance of everyone involved has resulted in bovine TB being eliminated from Minnesota in record time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2011 to be:

TB-FREE DAY

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 6th day of December.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE