

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, is a county-run program helping Minnesotans with low incomes purchase food for sound

nutrition and well-balanced meals; and

WHEREAS:

The SNAP participation rate among eligible Minnesotans is 70 percent overall and 50

percent for seniors age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS:

SNAP is a public benefit program, which creates an economic boost when new benefits

are redeemed; and

WHEREAS:

The Nutritious Food Coalition, consisting of community, business, government, and nonprofit organizations, reaches out to Minnesotans with low incomes eligible for SNAP, to encourage their participation, enabling them to eat more nutritiously; 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 helps fight poverty — especially child poverty. Young children in families receiving food support are less likely to be underweight or at risk for developmental delays; and well-nourished children have better school attendance and are more focused

on learning; and

WHEREAS:

Good nutrition can help older adults live independently in their own homes longer, and every dollar spent on nutrition education saves up to ten dollars in long-term care costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2015, as:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EDUCATION AND OUTREACH 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 23rd day of December.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE