



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Farmers' markets are important outlets for agricultural producers, providing them with increased marketing opportunities and supporting the sustainability of small family farms and the revitalization of rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers' markets provide consumers with locally-grown, fresh foods and the opportunity to purchase directly from the farmer; and
- WHEREAS: More than 176 farmers' markets in Minnesota offer convenient access to farm-fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthy products, including: fresh produce; meats; and dairy products; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers' markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and consumers opportunities to interact; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers' markets can help promote children's health and reduce childhood obesity by increasing children's access to fresh fruits and vegetables; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota strongly supports and promotes the development, operation, and expansion of farmers' markets.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 3-9, 2014, as:

FARMERS' MARKET WEEK

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 28th day of July.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE