



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** The federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, is a county-run program that helps Minnesotans with low incomes purchase food for sound nutrition and well-balanced meals; and
- WHEREAS:** The SNAP participation rate among eligible Minnesotans is 69 percent overall and 46 percent for seniors aged 60 and older. SNAP provides an economic stimulus, generating \$1.73 in economic activity for every \$1.00 in support; and
- WHEREAS:** The Nutritious Food Coalition, consisting of community, business, government, and non-profit organizations, reaches out to Minnesotans with low incomes eligible for SNAP to encourage their participation, enabling them to eat more nutritiously; and
- WHEREAS:** SNAP outreach services include a collaborative network of community-based agencies that increase access to accurate information and application assistance, especially for the working poor and seniors; 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 remain independent and live in their homes longer, and employees whose food needs are met, may have higher productivity at work and take fewer sick days for themselves and their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2014, as:

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 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 10th day of December.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE