



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: School gardens provide a real-life opportunity for educators to teach students about planning, planting, nurturing, and harvesting; and
- WHEREAS: School gardens provide students a sense of place and responsibility, and provide a launching pad for learning more about agriculture and natural systems; and
- WHEREAS: Over 150 Minnesota's school gardens have been developed in recent years to provide youth with a hands-on outdoor learning experience, teaching environmental stewardship while increasing students' interest in eating fresh fruits and vegetables; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Schoolyard Gardens Coalition has been formed to sustain and grow the school garden movement, effectively bringing together garden stakeholders from K-12 and higher education, communities, state agencies, non-profit organizations and master gardeners; and
- WHEREAS: School Garden Awareness Day in Minnesota is an opportunity to celebrate the coming growing season by encouraging schools statewide to start, maintain or expand a school garden to benefit Minnesota's students and communities; and
- WHEREAS: The Third Annual Schoolyard Gardens Conference with the theme "Everyone in the Garden" will be held Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, 2015, at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 27, 2015, as:

SCHOOL GARDEN AWARENESS 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 19th of February.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE