



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) significantly impacts the nutrition kids and teens receive and their development of healthy eating habits when school is out; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant small and mid-sized family farms that supply local summer feeding sites and markets; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to Summer enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools, preschools and other summer programming sites
- WHEREAS: Farm to Summer supports kids and teens' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities including school and community gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to Summer empowers kids, teens and their families to make informed food choices and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to Summer empowers kids and teens to build healthy habits for life and return to school in the fall nourished and ready to learn; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to Summer is growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 100 summer meal sites participating; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to Summer practices and celebrates Farm to Summer Week during the week of July 15-19, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of Monday, July 15 to Friday, July 19, 2019, as:

## MINNESOTA FARM TO SUMMER 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of June.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE