



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's schools significantly impact the development of healthy eating habits and student nutrition; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant small and mid-sized family farms that supply local schools and markets; and
- WHEREAS: By changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools, Farm to School enriches the connection that communities have with fresh, healthy food; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School supports students' access to healthy, local foods and educational opportunities, including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed food choices, which strengthens the local economy and contributes to vibrant communities; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School is growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 268 school districts participating, serving more than one-half of Minnesota's school population; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to School practices and celebrates Farm to School and National Farm to School Month in October.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as:

## FARM TO SCHOOL 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE