



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937 and then started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located in Massachusetts and Idaho. He returned to Minnesota and received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942, both in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota and helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota through exhibition matches, as well as refereeing the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS: In 1944, Dr. Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico, where he was immersed in scientific research in genetics for the next 16 years. He was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug's agricultural research in Mexico improved crop management practices and transformed agricultural production in Mexico during the 1940s and 1950s, and later in Asia and Latin America; and

WHEREAS: In 1970, Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime of work in agriculture which has resulted in saving hundreds of millions of human lives by preventing famine and alleviating hunger and malnutrition; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and is one of only five people in the world to receive this medal, the Nobel Peace Prize, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his 95th year. His legacy will live on as an inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 16, 2020, as:

## DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of September.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on September 28, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon