



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's K-12 schools significantly impact the nutrition students receive and the development of healthy eating habits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant small and mid-size family farms that supply local schools and markets; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School programs support children's health and reduce health care costs by increasing the availability of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other minimally processed local foods and by providing related educational opportunities for students; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School programs support the sustainability of family farms, build relationships within communities, and help revitalize local economies; and
- WHEREAS: Farm to School programs are growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 145 school districts participating, serving approximately one-half of Minnesota's student population; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of Farm to School initiatives across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2013, 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 26th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE