



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

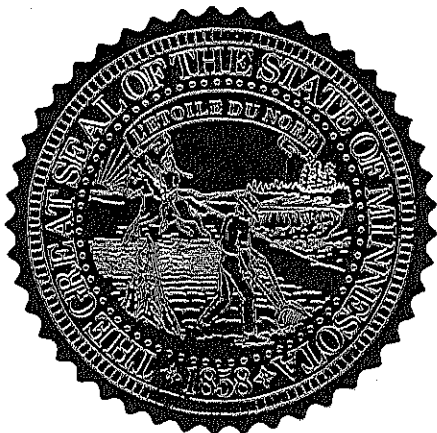
*Proclamation*

- WHEREAS: Agriculture produces tremendous bounty and economic activity for the State of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Farm families are foundational to Minnesota's agriculture and rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota farm families raise crops and livestock efficiently while protecting the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Production from Minnesota family farms fuels more than \$2.2 billion in exports and provides the raw material for Minnesota's leadership in renewable energy; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes and celebrates the vital role of farm families through the Farm Family Recognition program; and
- WHEREAS: Numerous families representing counties throughout the state have been named a "2008 Farm Family of the Year"; and
- WHEREAS: These families were chosen based on their contributions to the agriculture industry, their communities, and the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 7, 2008, as:

FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION 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 11th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the State the one hundred fiftieth.

  
GOVERNOR

*Mark Ritchie*

SECRETARY OF STATE