STATE OF MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: In 1990, the Hubert H. Humphrey, III, Attorney General created a Task Force on Food Safety. This new Task Force comprised of consumers, farmers, academicians, food industry, and others examined the food delivery system in Minnesota and the United States; and

WHEREAS: In 1999, the Food Safety and Defense Task Force formalized their proceeding because of a Federal Food Safety initiative from the Food and Drug Administration to move towards integrating food safety activities across the 50 states; and

WHEREAS: The Food Safety and Defense Task Force hosted over a dozen food safety trainings for industry, regulators, academics, and others on a wide breath of topics; and

WHEREAS: The Task Force is also a vehicle for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to implement the provisions of the Federal Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) related to stakeholder participation, outreach, education, and training for the new rules; and

WHEREAS: The Task Force plays an important role as the bridge between officials of federal, state, and local food regulatory agencies, industry, academia, and consumers as the nation moves towards implementation of an integrated food safety system; and

WHEREAS: This year marks 25 years of collaboration, of sharing ideas and striving to create a safer food supply for all Minnesotans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 19, 2015, as:

FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE DAY – 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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 April.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Steve Simon
SECRETARY OF STATE