



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

WHEREAS: The annual spring ritual of tapping maple trees and producing pure maple syrup marks nature's transition from winter to spring in Minnesota's hardwood forests, and producers throughout Minnesota have been busy preparing for the March and April sap runs; and

WHEREAS: Maple syrup is produced throughout Minnesota, with many communities organizing maple syrup festivals in the weeks surrounding the annual sap runs; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is one of 19 states that produce pure maple syrup and is the western-most producing state in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Producers from Minnesota have won state, national, and international awards for the quality of their maple syrup; and

WHEREAS: Maple syrup is a natural agricultural product; and

WHEREAS: Maple syrup is a food, in its simplest and purest form.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the months of March and April 2014, as:

MAPLE SYRUP MONTHS

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 20th day of February.




GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE