



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and

WHEREAS: Norman Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota. Through exhibition matches, he helped introduce the sport to high schools throughout Minnesota and refereed the first-ever Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament in 1938; and

WHEREAS: After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U. S. Forestry Service at stations located in Massachusetts and Idaho; and

WHEREAS: After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942, both from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: In 1944, Borlaug accepted an appointment as geneticist and plant pathologist to organize and direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico. This appointment allowed him to be involved in scientific research in genetics and for the next 16 years he was extremely successful in finding a high-yielding, short-strawed, disease-resistant wheat; and

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

WHEREAS: Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and is one of only five people in the world to receive this medal as well as the Nobel Peace Prize and the Presidential Medal of Honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, proclaim Thursday, September 20, 2007, to be:

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 14th day of September in the year two thousand and seven, and of the State the one hundred forty-ninth.

N. E. Borlaug
GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE