



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Biodiesel is a cleaner burning, petroleum-free alternative to diesel that can be made from animal fat, vegetable oil, and recycled cooking oil; and
- WHEREAS: It is reducing the nation's dependence on imported diesel and creating green jobs, as well as improving the environment; and
- WHEREAS: Biodiesel is America's first advanced biofuel and has become an increasingly popular fuel; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's biodiesel mandate became law on March 15, 2002; and
- WHEREAS: Biodiesel has had a significant impact on the agriculture economy, adding 64 cents to a bushel of soybeans and contributing more than \$200 million to Minnesota's economy annually; and
- WHEREAS: Biodiesel has helped to create higher-paying jobs in Greater Minnesota, which in turn has strengthened Minnesota's rural economies; and
- WHEREAS: The use of biodiesel in Minnesota has reduced carbon dioxide emissions by more than 7.4 billion pounds, which is the equivalent of 706,649 cars or 17,998 railcars of coal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, March 15, 2017, as:

BIODIESEL 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 15th day of March.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE