



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** March 10, 2026

**Title of Item:** Proclamation for National Agriculture Week

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA | <b>Action Requested:</b>   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only    |

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| <b>Submitted by:</b><br>David Minke | <b>Department:</b><br>Administration |
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| <b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> | <b>Estimated Time Needed:</b><br>5 minutes |
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**Summary of Issue:**

The Agriculture Council of America establishes National Agriculture Day and Agriculture week. This year, Agriculture week is March 22-28 and Agriculture Day is March 24.

The Aitkin-Carlton County Farm Bureau requests that the County Board issue the attached proclamation recognizing Agriculture Week for the week of March 22-28, 2026 and recognize the contributions of the agriculture industry.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
I move to approve the Proclamation recognizing Agriculture Week as March 22-28, 2026 and recognizing the contributions of agriculture to the community.

**Financial Impact:**

*Is there a cost associated with this request?*       Yes       No

*What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$*

*Is this budgeted?*       Yes       No      *Please Explain:*

**Proclamation – National Agriculture Week**

**WHEREAS** there are approximately 2 million farm families in America (*USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service, Census of Agriculture, 2022*),

**WHEREAS** there are over 65,000 farm families in Minnesota, (*State Summaries, USDA, NASS, 2022*),

**WHEREAS** there are close to 450 farm families in Aitkin County, (*County Profiles, MDA, NASS 2022*),

**WHEREAS** Aitkin County agriculture and related industries support about 2,500 jobs, which accounts for 9% of the total jobs in the county, (*County Highlights, Economic Contribution Study of MN Agriculture and Forestry, MN Agri Growth, 2020*),

**WHEREAS** Aitkin County has over 120,000 acres of farmland, (*County Profiles, MDA, NASS 2022*),

**WHEREAS** the Aitkin County agricultural and related industries total sales generated close to \$23 million annually, (*County Highlights, Economic Contribution Study of MN Agriculture and Forestry, MN Agri Growth, 2022*),

**WHEREAS** there is an estimated \$12.5 million in labor income supported by agriculture and related industries in Aitkin County, (*County Highlights, Economic Contribution Study of MN Agriculture and Forestry, MN Agri Growth, 2020*),

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim the week of March 22-March 28, 2026, as National Agriculture Week and recognize to all important contributions of Aitkin County Agriculture.

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J. Mark Wedel  
County Board Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_