

Honorary Proclamation



BILL RITTER, JR.
GOVERNOR

COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY September 10, 2008

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a vital role in Colorado's economy, contributing approximately \$16 billion annually, and providing more than 105,000 jobs through the production, processing, and handling of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Proud program represents more than 950 members and promotes the best and the freshest locally grown agricultural products in the state; and

WHEREAS, eating healthy, wholesome foods provides Colorado's schoolchildren with improved health and the best chance to succeed in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts provide nutritious and nourishing meals to encourage better fitness and sensible eating decisions in students, which has been proven to reduce occurrences of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Proud educates tomorrow's leaders about the significance of Colorado agriculture and the role it plays in a healthy lifestyle;

Therefore, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2008,

PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this sixteenth day of July,
2008*



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