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## **Theis Named 2019 MGA Hero of the Food Industry**

St. Paul, MN – October 15, 2019 – The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) announced Representative Tama Theis (R-St. Cloud) as a 2019 Hero of the Food Industry. Theis received the honor for her leadership in advancing the food industry's priorities during the 2019 Minnesota Legislative Session. Theis was presented the award at Coborn's Superstore in St. Cloud.

"Representative Theis has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to create job growth and economic activity. Her leadership in promoting common sense legislation during the 2019 legislative session supported a free marketplace, did not place undue burdens on local businesses, and helped our neighbors keep their shopping baskets full," said Jamie Pfuhl, President of the Minnesota Grocers Association. "The prosperity of industry is critical in ensuring a vibrant main street Minnesota economy and legislators like Rep. Theis ensure our collective success. This award is truly deserved and a testament to her dedication, vision, and support of the industry and consumers."

Theis is serving her fourth term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. She represents House District 14A, which includes St. Augusta, St. Cloud and Waite Park.

"Minnesota has a diverse economy and the food industry is a critical part in creating long-term growth and prosperity," said Theis. "Our local grocery stores, distributors, and manufacturers are so important in helping us put food on our family tables. Especially in our area, our grocers are active members in the community and critical job creators. I am honored to receive the 2019 Hero of the Food Industry award from the Minnesota Grocers Association. I will continue to advocate for an industry that puts food on the table for Minnesota families and provides one out of every twenty jobs in the state."

The Minnesota Grocers Association (MGA) is the only state trade association that represents the food industry of Minnesota from farm to fork. We are one of the oldest trade associations in the state, celebrating over 120 years of advancing industry. We have over 300 retail, manufacture, and wholesale members supporting nearly 1,300 locations statewide. Our member companies employ over 150,000 union and non-union Minnesotans. We actively advance the common interest of all those engaged in any aspect of the retail food industry as a leader and advocate in government affairs.

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Picture: Coborn's Superstore team members, Representative Tama Theis (R-St. Cloud), Jamie Pfuhl (MGA President), Mike Karbo (MGA Vice President Government Affairs).