

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas Massachusetts has a vibrant agricultural industry which is part of the state's cultural heritage; and*

*Whereas Massachusetts has 7,755 farms, preserving 523,000 acres of open space; and*

*Whereas Farmers' Markets create economic vitality for Massachusetts food producers as well as the communities where the markets are located; and*

*Whereas The Commonwealth is home to more than 290 summer and winter farmers' markets; and*

*Whereas Farmers' Markets help to build a strong, sustainable local food system; and*

*Whereas Farmers' Markets create healthier residents by providing access to fresh, healthy foods, including SNAP and WIC Program participants; and*

*Whereas It is befitting for the citizens of Massachusetts to celebrate farmers' markets positive contributions to the economy, public health and the local communities who host them*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to be,*

## MASSACHUSETTS FARMER'S MARKET WEEK

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of August, in the year two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in cursive.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in cursive.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in cursive.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*