

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Farmers' markets promote vitality for Massachusetts farms and communities; and

Whereas Farmers' markets are part of the cultural tradition of the Commonwealth which enhances community spirit and civic pride by offering a natural place for community gathering; and

Whereas The Commonwealth is home to more than 280 summer and winter farmers' markets; and

Whereas Farmers' markets participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, thereby providing access to fresh, healthy foods to all citizens of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas Farmers' markets reveal the diversity of Massachusetts and the benefits of buying local and preserving open space; and

Whereas It is befitting for the citizens of Massachusetts to recognize the continued contribution of farmers' markets to local consumers, as well as their positive impact on the economy of the Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 3rd – 9th, 2014, to be,

MASSACHUSETTS FARMERS' MARKET WEEK

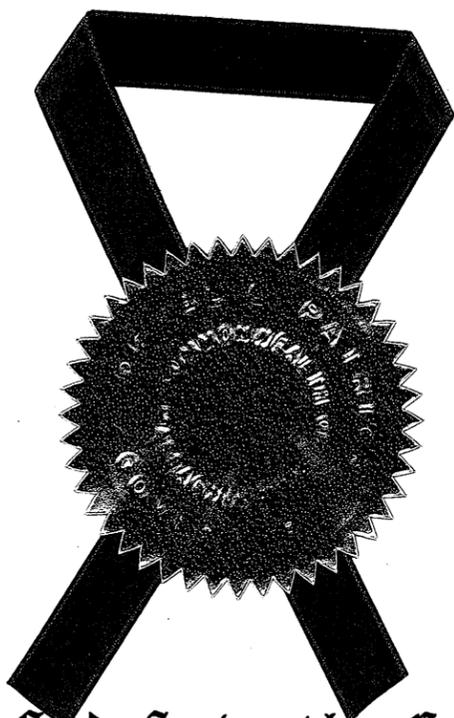
And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, fourteenth day of July, in the year two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts