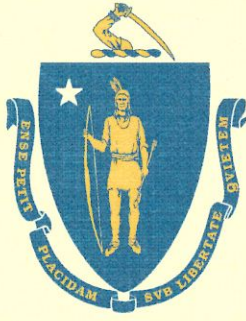


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Massachusetts has 7,241 farms, preserving 491,653 acres of open space; and

Whereas, Massachusetts is home to over 260 farmers market that operate in every region of the Commonwealth, including 50 that are open during the winter months; and

Whereas, Farmers Market Managers work determinedly, year-round, to serve their local communities; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets create dynamic and festive community spaces which provide a hub for education around healthy eating and good nutrition; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets foster a more equitable food system by directly connecting farmers to consumers; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets provide fresh, healthy food to thousands of Massachusetts residents each week through their participation in, and support of, nutrition programs, including SNAP, HIP, and the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs,

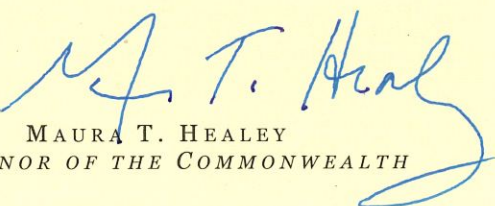
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 6th - 12th, 2023, to be,

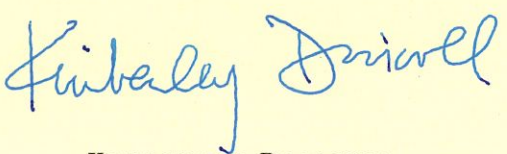
MASSACHUSETTS FARMERS MARKET WEEK


And urge all the residents 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 twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-seventh.

BY HER EXCELLENCY


MAURA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH


WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts