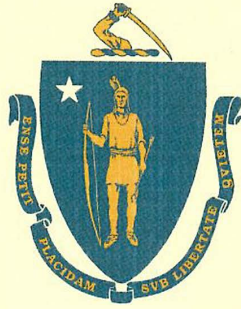


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

Whereas, Massachusetts is home to more than 260 summer and winter farmers markets that operate in every region of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets sustain Massachusetts farms by allowing farmers to connect and sell directly to consumers; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets nourish communities by providing access to the freshest local produce, meat, dairy, value-added, fiber and other locally grown and made products; and

Whereas, Farmers Market Managers work determinedly to create festive and welcoming spaces where shoppers are connected to their community, their food and the land; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets address inequitable access to healthy food by bringing local, nutritious food directly to communities, many of which would otherwise not have access; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets facilitate the use of food access programs like SNAP, the Healthy Incentives Program and the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, ensuring that fresh local produce is affordable for all,

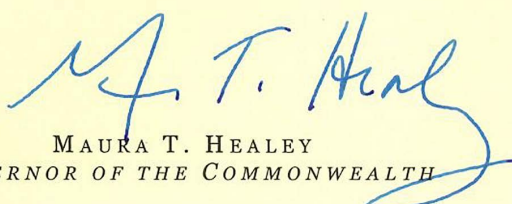
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 4th through 10th, 2024, to be,


MASSACHUSETTS FARMERS MARKET WEEK


And urge all 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-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.

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