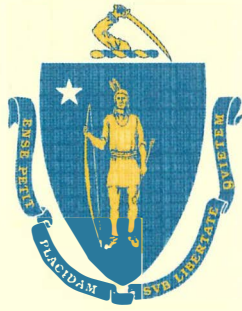


The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

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

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

Whereas, Farmers Markets create economic vitality for Massachusetts farmers and food producers, and for the communities where the markets are located; and

Whereas, Farmers Markets help to build a strong sustainable local food system, serve as public and community gathering places, and foster a closer connection between the consumer and the food that they consume; and

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

Whereas, Farmers Market Managers have shown tremendous fortitude over the past year, serving their communities with creativity, flexibility, and determination to provide fresh foods to the citizens of the Commonwealth during the Covid-19 pandemic,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim August 1st - August 7th, 2021, to be,

FARMERS MARKET WEEK IN MASSACHUSETTS

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 twenty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Baker".

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karyn Polito".

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William Francis Galvin".

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts