



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota farmers and ranchers provide Minnesotans with access to healthy and locally produced foods through farmers markets; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets are expanding and evolving to accommodate the demand for a diverse array of agricultural products by providing increased access to nutritious foods in priority areas and populations; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets provide opportunities to a variety of agricultural producers – from small to big farms, and from beginner to veteran farmers. They generate revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets provide essential public spaces in a variety of Minnesota cities, towns and neighborhoods. They create important community gathering spaces where people can buy and sell locally-produced food and other goods; and
- WHEREAS: By accepting EBT/SNAP and participating in the Market Bucks matching incentive program, farmers markets make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to Minnesotans who are using SNAP; and
- WHEREAS: Farmers markets facilitate increased fruit and vegetable consumption by providing abundant access to fresh produce, along with the opportunity to see, taste, and learn about new foods; and
- WHEREAS: Through health promotion programs like the Power of Produce, farmers markets serve to introduce the newest generation of Minnesotans to healthy foods; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the importance of farmers markets in expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers, generate farm income to stimulate job creation, provide access to local farm fresh foods, and build community connections.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of August 4-10, 2019, as:

MINNESOTA FARMERS MARKET WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of August.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE