

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, farmers markets are engines of economic recovery and rebuilding, providing families with access to healthy foods and agricultural products directly from Washington farmers and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Washington has some 160 farmers markets in over 90 cities and towns around the state, that attract over 4 million shoppers annually, and each create a place of beloved community connection; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets serve as significant outlets for new businesses and family farms with lean budgets to hone their skills, develop their products, grow a loyal shopper base, and build experience in order to be successful; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets support the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities and preserve farmland and open space adding to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets also support artisans, prepared food businesses, and other vendors, as well as increasing sales of neighboring businesses; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are a key source of fresh, nutritious food for everyone; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are managed by dedicated community leaders, who are driven by shared values to support local farmers, feed their neighbors, and create a healthy and vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets contribute to the economic and social fabric of their communities, creating a positive community experience and providing education and connection to residents about their food and where it comes from.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim August 7 through August 13, 2022 as

FARMERS MARKET WEEK

In the City of Lakewood and encourages residents to visit the Lakewood Farmers Market on Tuesdays from August 2nd through August 30th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park.

PROCLAIMED this 1st day of August, 2022.



Jason Whalen, Mayor