

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, farmers markets are engines of economic impact for communities and provide 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 which can lead to the creation of a brick and mortar store; 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 thanks to market sponsors we can provide healthy bucks to youth who can try fresh fruits and vegetables at no cost; and

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


WHEREAS, Lakewood's Farmers Market has grown each year and is an activity that our residents and visitors look forward to each year, provides a positive reflection of our City, creates opportunities to have a positive interactive experience while providing education to residents about their food and where it comes from.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakewood City Council hereby proclaim August 6 through August 12, 2023 as

FARMERS MARKET WEEK

in the City of Lakewood and encourages residents to visit the Lakewood Farmers Market on Tuesdays through September 19th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Fort Steilacoom Park.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of August, 2023.



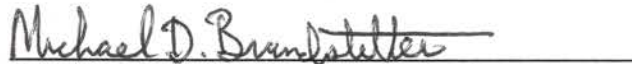
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