

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim the week of August 6, 2007, as

Farmers' Market Week

Whereas, Farmers' markets across the country offer consumers farm-fresh, affordable, convenient and healthy products such as fruits, vegetables, cheeses, herbs, flowers, baked goods and meats; and,

Whereas, Farmers' markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban and rural communities, affording farmers and their customers the opportunity to interact; and,

Whereas, Farmers' markets contribute to Michigan's economy and the overall health of Michigan's citizens; and,

Whereas, Farmers' markets support local anti-hunger initiatives, through which farmers donate unsold food and food products to programs that feed the needy; and,

Whereas, Michigan has a Farmers' Market Nutrition Program known as Project FRESH that involved the participation of 843 Michigan farmers and served more than 28,000 low income women and children in 2006, making fresh produce available to low-income, nutritionally-at-risk consumers; and,

Whereas, Project FRESH participants may buy locally grown fresh fruits or vegetables and are especially encouraged to buy a variety of produce rich in vitamins A, C and folic acid such as broccoli, carrots, potatoes, squash, peaches, apples and tomatoes; and,

Whereas, Farmers' markets continue to be a strong partner with the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program on Project FRESH; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of August 6, 2007 as Farmers' Market Week.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor