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NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK
August 7–13, 2022

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS farmers markets continue to provide access to safe and nutritious food in the face of market disruptions while also shortening supply chains and reinforcing a competitive food system benefitting producers and consumers; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes the importance of expanding regional agricultural marketing opportunities that improve access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, increase access to healthy, locally grown foods, and promote a more direct distribution of food to individuals and institutions, thereby reducing the overall climate impact of our supply chain; and

WHEREAS farmers markets have evolved to serve as a set of vital hubs for rediscovering community, helping rural and urban communities reconnect with one another, and creating more equitable economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS farmers markets embody the American spirit of overcoming challenges to build back better by contributing to the USDA's Food System Transformation Framework to enhance and strengthen a fair, competitive, and resilient food system.

NOW, THEREFORE, to further awareness of farmers markets' essential contributions to American life, I, Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7–13, 2022, as National Farmers Market Week. I call upon the American people to celebrate farmers markets with appropriate observances and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of July, the two hundred and forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Secretary