

CITY OF ST. LOUIS FARMERS MARKET WEEK

August 5-11, 2018

By the City Council of the City of St. Louis, Michigan

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS St. Louis and Gratiot County area farmers provide citizens with access to healthful, locally, and regionally produced foods through farmers markets, which are expanding and evolving to accommodate the demand for a diverse array of agricultural products, and

WHEREAS farmers markets and other agricultural direct marketing outlets provide infrastructure to assist in the distribution of farm and value-added products, thereby contributing approximately \$9 billion each year to the U.S. economy, and

WHEREAS farmers markets serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, new and beginning, and veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Louis, Michigan recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, to further awareness of farmers markets' contributions to City of St. Louis life, I, Jim Kelly, St. Louis Mayor, do hereby proclaim the week of August 5-11, 2018, as City of St. Louis Farmers Market Week, in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week. I call upon City of St. Louis and Gratiot County citizens to celebrate farmers markets with appropriate observance and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of June, 2018, the two-hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Jim Kelly, Mayor
City of St. Louis, Michigan