

Proclamation Designating August 1 to August 7, 2021 Royal Oak Farmers Market Week

Whereas, Michigan farmers and ranchers 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, farmers markets expand 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 diverse linkages; and

Whereas, the Royal Oak City Commission recognizes the importance of farmers markets to stimulate local economies, increase the region's access to fresh, nutritious food, support healthy and connected communities, and promote sustainability.

Now, therefore, be it resolved to highlight the contributions of the farmers markets to our city and neighboring communities, I, Mayor Michael Fournier and the members of the Royal Oak City Commission do hereby proclaim August 1 to August 7, 2021, as Royal Oak Farmers Market Week, in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week and encourage all citizens to celebrate our local farmers market and participate in any related activities.