Proclamation

Whereas, farmers markets are essential businesses that connect families to healthy, local foods and agricultural products directly from Washington farmers and independent food businesses; and

Whereas, farmers markets attract thousands of shoppers each week and thereby stimulate local farming and downtown business economies with sales throughout each market day; and

Whereas, farmers markets incubate new farm businesses and young farmers with small budgets to hone their entrepreneurial skills, develop their products, grow a loyal shopper base, and build experience in order to be successful; and

Whereas, farmers markets ensure healthy food is accessible to everyone, especially people receiving nutrition assistance benefits such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, as well as providing SNAP Market Match programs; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, farmers market professionals worked closely with health officials and risk managers to provide safe shopping experiences and meet service demands to make community spaces safe and accessible to the public; and

Whereas, the Renton Farmers Market is celebrating its 20th season, open each Tuesday through September from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Renton's downtown Gateway Park; and

Whereas, its mission is to promote economic vitality and the City of Renton appreciates farmers market professionals who nurture entrepreneurship and foster successful partnerships with businesses and community leaders;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the week of **August 1-7, 2021,** to be:

Farmers Market Week

in the City of Renton, and I urge all residents to join me in recognizing the many benefits of our local Renton Farmers Market.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 2nd day of August, 2021.

Armondo Pavone
Mayor of the City of Renton, Washington

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