

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana farmers and ranchers provide citizens with access to fresh, healthy, locally, and regionally produced foods through farmers markets, and

WHEREAS, Montana farmers markets strengthen local food systems and local economies; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets and other agricultural direct marketing outlets provide infrastructure to assist in the distribution of farm and value added products; and

WHEREAS, a study commissioned by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research found Montana farmers markets generated \$17.3 million in revenue for vendors in 2021 and generated an additional \$10.4 million in new spending from resident wages, tax payments, sales, and investments; and

WHEREAS, an impressive 4,900 people worked to produce and sell the goods and services offered on one typical market day at Montana's 71 markets operating during the 2021 market season; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, farmers markets also generated 260 full-time Montana jobs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2022

FARMERS MARKET WEEK

in Montana to support farmers markets and hardworking folks who put them on.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor