

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

**Whereas,** West Virginia farmers markets, gardeners, and local producers 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 state of West Virginia recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers, ranchers, gardeners, and agriculturalists; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; provide food access and security to vulnerable populations.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 7-13, 2022* as:


### *West Virginia Farmers Market Week*

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Second day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and in the One Hundred Sixtieth year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State