

# PROCLAMATION

## Farmers Market Week

WHEREAS, farmers markets play a crucial role in promoting local agriculture, supporting small businesses, and fostering community spirit; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets provide families with access to fresh, nutritious foods and unique local products directly from the community, enhancing public health and well-being and are vital partners of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); SNAP Market Match; and nutrition education about the importance of healthy fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are engines of economic opportunities and entrepreneurship, creating significant outlets for learning vital skills, developing new products, growing a loyal shopper base, and gaining experience that leads to success and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets support the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are managed by dedicated community leaders and volunteers, who are driven by shared values to support local farmers, feed their neighbors, and create a healthy Washington; and

WHEREAS, Arlington Farmers Market attracts and creates a place of beloved community connections with over 25 farms involved selling directly to the consumer each year and over 200 small businesses sustained in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Don Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim August 4 through 10, 2024 as

### **Arlington Farmers Market Week**

in Arlington, and urge all the people in our community to join me in shopping at and enjoying the many benefits of our Arlington Farmers Market, especially as we celebrate our farms during Arlington Farm Tours Weekend August 8 to August 11, 2024.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

July 24, 2024

Date