

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, farmers markets are essential to the vitality of Washington's communities, supporting local farmers and producers while connecting residents to fresh, locally grown food; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Farmers Market, a proud program of the Stilly Valley Chamber Foundation, serves as a vibrant gathering place in the heart of downtown Arlington, offering a direct connection between local farms, small food businesses, artisans, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Farmers Market champions food access for all through vital programs including EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer), SNAP Market Match, WIC Cash Benefits, the Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Seniors and WIC, and the SunBucks program, ensuring that fresh and nutritious food is available to households of all income levels; and

WHEREAS, the Market also hosts the Kids POP (Power of Produce) Club, sponsored by Grocery Outlet, offering weekly learning experiences focused on nutrition, science, and the environment, and providing children ages 2 to 12 with tokens to try new fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Farmers Market supports over 17 farms,(meat, fish, veggie, berry and flower), and 150 local vendors, contributing to the local economy, strengthening small businesses, and fostering a sense of community pride and belonging; and

WHEREAS, National Farmers Market Week, celebrated across the country, honors the important role markets play in supporting healthy communities, resilient food systems, and strong local economies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Vanney, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of August 3 through August 10, 2025, as

FARMERS MARKET WEEK

in Arlington, Washington, and encourage all residents and visitors to support our local farmers, artisans, and food producers by shopping at the Arlington Farmers Market and celebrating the essential role markets play in our lives.



Don E. Vanney, Mayor

August 4, 2025

Date