

THURSTON COUNTY

# Proclamation

## Farmers Market Week

*WHEREAS, farmers and agricultural workers provide residents with access to healthy foods produced locally and regionally through farmers markets, supporting the health and well-being of our communities. Creating vibrant and inclusive spaces for education and engagement; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets provide consumers with affordable options in their communities, and foster relationships between consumers and farmers, enhancing transparency and trust in our food system; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets contribute significantly to local economies by creating more, new, and better market opportunities that allow farmers to sell their products directly to consumers, thereby retaining a greater share of the food dollar within the community; and*

*WHEREAS, Thurston County has 5 farmers markets across the County that create places for beloved community connection; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets also support artisans, prepared food businesses and other vendors, as well as increase sales for neighboring businesses; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers markets are managed by dedicated community leaders who are driven by the shared values of supporting local farmers, feeding their neighbors and creating a healthy Thurston County; and*

*WHEREAS, National Farmers Market Week, recognizes the important role farmers markets play in our food system and encourages citizens to support local by purchasing their products at farmers markets.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Thurston County Commissioners recognizes August 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> as National Farmers Market week and celebrates the essential contributions of local farmers markets.*

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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