

Proclamation

WHEREAS, farmers markets serve as important sources of healthy food for residents, economic development mechanisms for local farmers and food producers and community gathering spaces in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, Minneapolis has more than 30 farmers markets and mini-markets located throughout the City in 2016; and

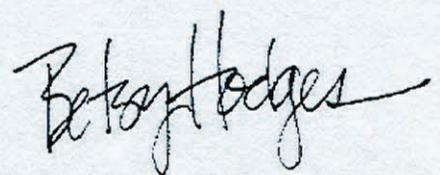
WHEREAS, Minneapolis farmers markets redeemed more than \$100,000 through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/EBT) and Market Bucks for customers in 2015, serving as an important source of healthy food for residents with food access barriers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis launched the citywide Homegrown Minneapolis initiative in 2008 to expand the community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable and locally grown foods; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has declared Aug. 7 through 13, 2016, "National Farmers Market Week," marking the 17th annual National Farmers Market Week in honor of the important role that farmers markets play in local economies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BETSY HODGES, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim August 7-13, 2016 as:

FARMERS MARKET WEEK IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Mayor of Minneapolis

