

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

- Whereas,** West Virginia farmers and ranchers provide citizens with access to healthy, 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 products, which contribute 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 veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers, generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation, and build community connections through rural and urban linkages; and
- Whereas,** farmers markets are an essential part of West Virginia's agricultural economy, providing consumers with access to fresh, locally-grown products while supporting local farmers and small businesses; and
- Whereas,** with farmers market sales in West Virginia increasing from \$15.4 million in 2023 to \$17.3 million in 2024, these markets continue to strengthen local economies by keeping food dollars within the state, reducing reliance on imported foods, and fostering vibrant, healthy communities.

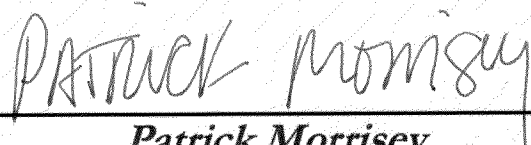
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 2-8, 2026*, as:

West Virginia Farmers Market Week

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

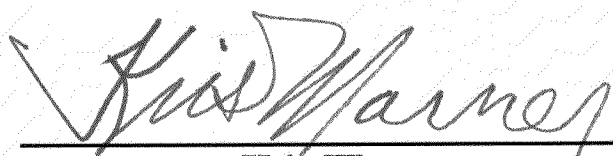
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

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-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State