

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY



DR. RYAN F. QUARLES

KENTUCKY COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Kentucky Farmers' Markets dot the landscape, numbering 167 markets in 115 of the Commonwealth's 120 counties; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Farmers' Markets are a direct pipeline to the best fresh local fruits, vegetables, meats, cheeses and eggs, as well as sauces, crafts, cut flowers, and many other farm products; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Farmers' Markets provide consumers the opportunity to reach out to the producers of the Commonwealth's agricultural bounty person-to-person, expressing support not only economically but through building personal social relationships; and

WHEREAS, each transaction at a Kentucky Farmers' Market keeps local dollars circulating in the local economy, to the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, now that public socialization has become rarer and more precious, the community interaction provided at Kentucky Farmers' Markets are ever more vital and prized; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky Farmers' Markets are demonstrating their societal responsibility and concern by providing the necessary social distancing, anti-viral, and sanitation measures necessary for the public's continued safe enjoyment of their activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DR. RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim **August 2-8, 2020** as

FARMERS' MARKETS WEEK

in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and urge all Kentuckians to visit and support their local farmers' markets, this week and all year long.

DONE in the City of Frankfort, this first day of August, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty, the Two Hundred Twenty-Ninth Year of the Commonwealth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Quarles".

DR. RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner

