

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, farmer's markets are an integral part of Oregon's food system and agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, the farmer's markets in Oregon are important sales outlets for farmers and food business owners, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities; and

WHEREAS, farmer's markets provide citizens of all income levels with access to healthful, locally produced foods through Oregon markets that accept supplemental nutritional assistance program benefits and other critical food access programs; and

WHEREAS, the Power of Produce program offered by the Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market offers children the opportunity to engage in the local food system through conversations directly with farmers and have exposure to new fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market is a cornerstone of our community, well-loved by customers, neighbors, and vendors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City Council 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; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; provide access to fresh healthy food for all of Oregon's citizens; and more.

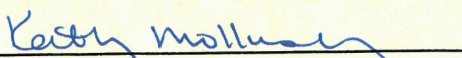
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that August 6 to 12, 2023 is National Farmers Market Week in conjunction with Wednesdays in Willamette Summer Street Market Week.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY 2023



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER