

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 782

Designating the week of August 4 through August 10, 2024, as “National Farmers Market Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2024

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BUTLER, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of August 4 through August 10, 2024, as “National Farmers Market Week”.

Whereas farmers markets accounted for \$1,700,000,000 in income for farmers of the United States in 2020, demonstrating the crucial role of farmers markets in local economies;

Whereas, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers markets in the United States rose from 1,755 in 1994 to 8,771 in 2019, an average growth of nearly 7 percent per year;

Whereas farmers markets serve as significant educational sites and as bridges between urban and rural communities, contributing to a better public understanding of farming and ranching;

Whereas the adoption of more sustainable farming practices is closely associated with farmer-to-consumer interactions facilitated by farmers markets;

Whereas farmers markets and direct marketing farmers help improve the health and wellness of low-income people in the United States who receive Federal nutrition benefits; and

Whereas National Farmers Market Week is a time to recognize the unique and indispensable role farmers markets play in supporting food access, bolstering local economies, promoting healthy communities, and fostering sustainable farming: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of August 4 through
3 August 10, 2024, as “National Farmers Market
4 Week”; and

5 (2) recognizes the vital role that farmers mar-
6 kets play in bringing communities together and in
7 supporting the livelihoods of millions of people in the
8 United States, from farmers and food producers to
9 consumers.

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