

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Agriculture is one of Oregon's largest industries; and

WHEREAS: The experience of consuming Oregon's agricultural products can serve to bridge the gap between urban and rural Oregon; and

WHEREAS: There are 88 farmers markets operating throughout Oregon in 2007, a number that has more than doubled in the past decade; and

WHEREAS: Farmers markets connect Oregon farmers directly with urban citizens and build community spirit; and

WHEREAS: Farmers markets provide more than 1000 Oregon small, family-owned farms with a substantive income and provide fresh Oregon-grown produce to 90,000 market visitors each week during the season; and

WHEREAS: 2007 marks the tenth anniversary of Oregon's Farm Direct Nutritional Program, which provides needy and nutritionally at-risk families and seniors with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets; and

WHEREAS: Farmers markets will continue to provide good nutrition, food security, and support for local agriculture.

NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **August 5-11, 2007** to be

Oregon Farmer Markets Week

In Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, June 28, 2007.



Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor



Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

