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Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Gross National Farmers Market Week (August 7-13)

Members of the Board,

National Farmers Market Week (August 7-13) is a way to show appreciation to farmers and artisans, volunteers running the onsite logistics, and loyal customers supporting these local efforts.

Fairfax County Farmers Markets will join FRESHFARM and other farmers markets across the nation in celebration of National Farmers Market Week to highlight the role of farmers markets in supporting healthy communities, stimulating local economies, and investing in local farmers. This annual celebration that boosts market attendance and visibility is an opportunity to educate shoppers about local food and agriculture and strengthen the ties to our community.

Farmers Market Week is also Bike-to-Market Week in Fairfax County. We invite you to bike to your local Fairfax County Farmers Markets! To find a safe route, view the Fairfax County Bicycle Map at fairfax County Bicycle Map at fairfax County Bicycle Map at fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike/map. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) EBT cards can be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Markets. The Farmers Market Week schedule and list of activities can be found at fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week.

Therefore, I move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs advertise the

Farmers Market Week schedule to their channels and invite my colleagues and our

community to join the celebration by visiting a farmers market (or as many as you

want!) during this special week to support local farmers and businesses, learn how

to prepare fresh ingredients at their cooking demonstrations, participate in fun and

educational activities, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious food from local

producers.

The Honorable Dalia A. Palchik August 2, 2022