

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **MARYLAND FARMERS' MARKET WEEK AUGUST 2 - 8, 2020**

- WHEREAS,** *Farmers' markets are important and popular venues for agricultural producers to increase direct marketing opportunities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *There is at least one farmers' market in every county in the State and in Baltimore City for a total of 145 markets where consumers can buy affordable farm-fresh, locally-grown, health produce, plants and baked goods; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Farmers' markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban and rural communities, affording farmers and their customers the opportunity to interact; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Many Maryland farmers' markets participate in the federal Farmers Market Nutrition programs so that senior citizens and Women, Infants, and Children program participants have access to fresh, healthy, fruits, vegetables and cut herbs.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim AUGUST 2 - 8, 2020 as MARYLAND FARMERS' MARKET WEEK in Maryland, to call special and deserved attention to the many farmers' markets in Maryland and their many benefits to local farmers and consumers, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 2nd day of August  
Two Thousand and twenty

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Byrd K. Lathrop*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. Wolk*  
Secretary of State