

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



PROCLAMATION

Farmers Market Week in Charlottesville August 4-10, 2024

WHEREAS Market Central was established in 2003 as a non-profit that educated the public about farmers markets and supported customer food access by providing a transaction point for low-income customers to use their SNAP dollars to buy from the market; and

WHEREAS Market Central originally hosted by the Charlottesville City Market in April to November; Market Central branched out in 2018 to develop a winter market from January to March at the Ix Art Park to provide a site for farm sales and local food access; and

WHEREAS when Covid 19 shut down many businesses, the Farmers Market at Ix obtained permission as an essential business to continue functioning through the year; and

WHEREAS the Market's success led to the establishment of a year-round market where customers can access local foods and socialize, entrepreneurs can test their products and farms can earn a fair price for their foods;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charlottesville City Council proclaims August 4-10, 2024, as Farmers Market Week in the City of Charlottesville.

Signed and sealed this 5th day of August 2024.