Proclamation

Whereas, farmers markets are essential businesses that connect families to healthy, local foods and agricultural products from Washington farmers and independent food businesses; and

Whereas, farmers markets attract thousands of shoppers each week and thereby stimulate local farming and downtown business economies with sales throughout each Market day; and

Whereas, farmers markets incubate new farm businesses and young farmers with small budgets to hone their entrepreneurial skills, develop products, grow a loyal shopper base, and build experience to be successful; and

Whereas, farmers markets ensure healthy food is accessible to everyone, especially people receiving assistance such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program benefits, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, as well as providing SNAP Market Match incentive programs; and

Whereas, Renton Farmers Market is celebrating its 21st season, open each Tuesday through September 27 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Renton’s beautiful downtown core at Piazza and Gateway Parks; and

Whereas, farmers market professionals who nurture entrepreneurship and foster successful partnerships with businesses and community leaders are fulfilling the city's business plan mission to promote economic vitality;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7-13, 2022, to be:

Farmers Market Week

in the City of Renton, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the health and economic benefits of our local Renton Farmers Market.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 8th day of August 2022.