



City of Framingham

Proclamation

August 8, 2023

FRAMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

WHEREAS, National Farmers Market Week is celebrated annually in August, and;

WHEREAS, farmers markets continue to provide access to safe and nutritious food in the face of market disruptions while also shortening supply chains and reinforcing a competitive food system benefitting producers and consumers, and;

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognizes the importance of expanding regional agricultural marketing opportunities that improve access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), increase access to healthy, locally grown foods, and promote a more direct distribution of food to individuals and institutions, thereby reducing the overall climate impact of our supply chain, and;

WHEREAS the City of Framingham's Farmers Market began accepting SNAP benefits this year to help our residents become healthier, and;

WHEREAS farmers markets have evolved to serve as a vital hub for rediscovering community, helping communities reconnect with one another, and creating more equitable economic opportunities, and;

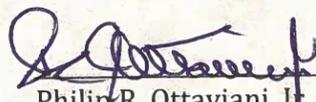
WHEREAS the Framingham Farmers Market has been revitalized under Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and Market Manager Bill Sell, and;

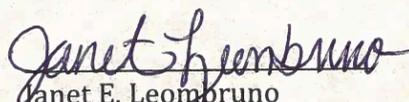
WHEREAS the Framingham Farmers Market broke an attendance record to open the 2023 season, with more than 3,150 attendees, and;

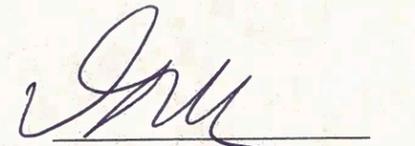
WHEREAS the Framingham Farmers Market has grown to almost 100 vendors, including food trucks, and has become one of the more successful markets in the Commonwealth;

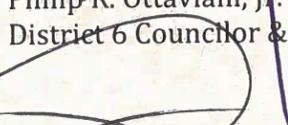
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Charlie Sisitsky and the Framingham City Council declare the week of August 6-12 as Framingham Farmers Market Week and Thursday August 10 as Farmers Market Day in the City of Framingham. Residents are encouraged to visit the Farmers Market between 3 and 7 p.m. at the Framingham Centre Common.

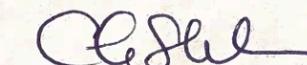
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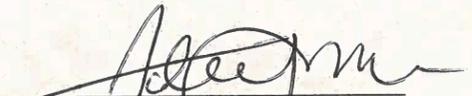

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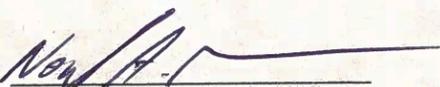

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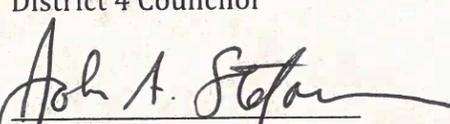

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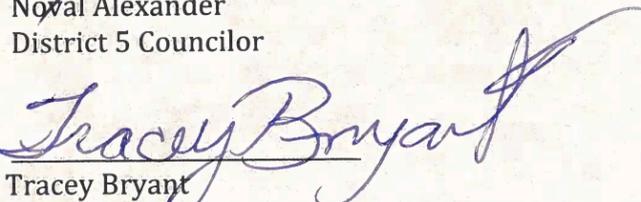

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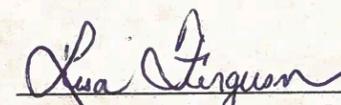

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