

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, farmers markets provide important statewide marketing opportunities for farmers and are a significant part of the rural economy; and

WHEREAS, across South Carolina, three state farmers markets and over one hundred community-based farmers markets offer consumers convenient access to fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants, herbs, baked goods, and other products at affordable prices; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and consumers the chance to interact; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of farmers markets continues to rise as increasing numbers of consumers discover the joys and pleasures of shopping for unique products direct from the farm and buying familiar items in their freshest possible state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2012 as

FARMERS MARKET MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to eat local produce as a salute to our farmers markets and to our farmers who work so hard to supply them with an abundance of fresh food and other products.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA