

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, agriculture is a fundamental pillar of Mississippi's economic vitality, contributing an estimated \$9.51 billion in farm-gate value of agricultural and forestry commodities produced in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi farmers markets are an essential resource for the distribution of locally grown and raised products; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is home to approximately 74 farmers markets, of which 40 are certified by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets play a crucial role by both enhancing the well-being of Mississippians by providing access to a diverse selection of fresh, wholesome, locally produced food such as fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat products, eggs, honey, plants, and other specialty foods; and serving as a valuable platform for Mississippi farmers to bolster their income by directly connecting with customers; and

WHEREAS, farmers market managers frequently dedicate their time as volunteers to fulfill the role as market managers. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce extends substantial support and promotion to empower market managers to concentrate on their core responsibilities and enhance the overall success of farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets play an essential role in creating economic development opportunities in local communities. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce created the Certified Farmers Market Program to aid in promoting Mississippi Farmers Markets where multiple Mississippi growers sell guaranteed Mississippi-grown produce and agricultural products.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim July 5 through 11, 2026, as

MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKET WEEK

in the State of Mississippi and encourage our residents to recognize the value of agriculture to this great State.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 25th day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six and of the Independence of the United States of America, two hundred and fiftieth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR