

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS,* National Farmers Market Week is celebrated annually to recognize the important role farmers markets play in promoting sustainable agriculture, fostering community connections, and boosting local economies; and,

*WHEREAS,* Farmers markets are vital to our community, supporting local famers and providing Stow residents with fresh, healthy, and locally-sourced produce; and,

*WHEREAS,* Farmers markets serve as community hubs. They foster direct relationships between community members and farmers which can work to create a fairer and sustainable food system. They are a hub for connection and collective action around shared values; and,

*WHEREAS,* Farmers markets enhance food security by making fresh foods accessible to all residents and encourages the development of healthy eating habits; and,

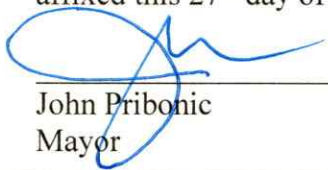
*WHEREAS,* The City of Stow is proud to support Stow Community Farmers Market's local farmers, artisans, and vendors who contribute to our vibrant community and economy; and,

*WHEREAS,* National Farmers Market Week will be celebrated from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup> with events and activities aimed at promoting farmers markets across the nation.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby proclaim the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> as National Farmers Market Week in the City of Stow. I encourage all citizens to participate in the celebrations and support our local Stow Community Farmers Market and other farmers markets in our region.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF,* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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John Pribonic  
Mayor