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Local Food Month Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

Local Food Month

September, 2010

WHEREAS, local food systems comprise our local community-based farmers, gardeners, restaurants, chefs, farmers markets, grocers, consumers; and

WHEREAS, local food systems promote healthy food for all, which is especially important for those who are food insecure including low-income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, local food systems promote energy efficiency, land preservation, decreased transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, local food systems improve food supply which is essential to local emergency preparedness and local self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, *improving our local, regional, and statewide food systems advances the local economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, community, and social justice; and*

WHEREAS, *our local food system represents an important part of Ann Arbor's community and regional economies; and*

WHEREAS, *promoting our local food system is essential to the City of Ann Arbor and its residents; and*

WHEREAS, *celebrating our local food system through Local Food Month promotes all of these goals.*

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim September, 2010, as Local Food Month, and encourage citizens of Ann Arbor to engage in our local foodshed.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This the 16th day of August, 2010

John Hieftje, Mayor