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Local Food Month Proclamation

PROCLAMATION  
Local Food Month  
September, 2009

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, 2009, 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 1st day of September, 2009

John Hieftje, Mayor