

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Groundcover Vendor Appreciation Week**

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News is a "street newspaper" that provides quality news and features to the Ann Arbor community since April 2010; and*

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News, a 501(c)(3), empowers and supports low-income community members to make the transition from homeless to housed and from jobless to employed; and*

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News is a member of the International Network of Street Papers that believes everyone, everywhere deserves freedom, community, home, dignity, and hope; and*

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News provides training and support for vendors to increase their skills and ability to navigate challenges; and*

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News and vendors provide an invitation to build meaningful relationships in the community; and*

*WHEREAS, stories in Groundcover News have been inspiring and transformational to vendors and community members who read the paper; and*

*WHEREAS, Groundcover News and vendors add to the quality of life in the Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County community; and*

*WHEREAS, the week of February 2, 2025, is observed as Groundcover News Vendor Appreciation Week.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of February 2, 2025, as Groundcover Vendor Appreciation Week. I call upon Groundcover News, staff, volunteers, and the Ann Arbor community to join us in this celebration and to greet and support Groundcover Vendors.*

*I hereby set my hand and seal  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2025*

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*Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*