

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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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 2nd day of February 2026*

*Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*