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National Food Day Proclamation

PROCLAMATION NATIONAL FOOD DAY

October 24, 2012

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens is of primary concern for the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, promoting safer, healthier diets is a critical factor in improving citizens' overall health; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to locally-produced food is of critical importance to aid those who live in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the City's Farmers Market provides direct access to locally produced food; and

WHEREAS, local agriculture benefits the local economy, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City's Greenbelt program is an innovative land preservation program that has protected over 3,700 acres of farmland and open space surrounding the City of Ann Arbor, and has leveraged over \$19 million through grants, landowner donations, and other locally funded programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 24, 2012 as National Food Day for Ann Arbor.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This 15th day of October, 2012

John Hieftje, Mayor

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