



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, farmers markets are important outlets for agricultural producers, providing them increased marketing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 farmers markets across Alabama offer consumers farm-fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthy products such as: fruits, vegetables, cheeses, herbs, fish, flowers, baked goods, meats and much more; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and their customers the opportunity to interact; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of farmers markets continues to rise, as more and more consumers discover the joys of shopping for unique ingredients sold direct from the farm, and the pleasure of buying familiar products in their freshest possible state; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets support local anti-hunger initiatives, through which farmers donate unsold food and food products to programs that feed the needy;

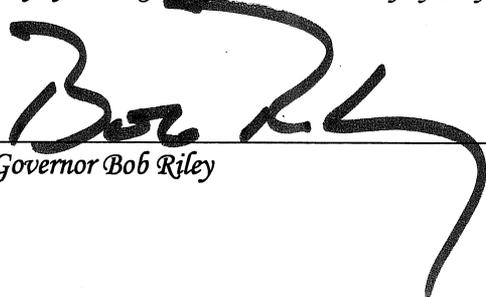
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim August 3 through August 9, 2008, as

Alabama Farmers Market Week

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 23rd day of July 2008.


Governor Bob Riley