WHEREAS, agriculture is Idaho’s leading natural resource-based industry, contributing over $7.4 billion in cash receipts annually to the state’s economy; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets in Idaho continue to grow in size and popularity, with 47 markets currently operating throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets stimulate the local economy by directly supporting local farmers and reinvesting money back into communities; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets are vital to educating consumers about local food systems and where their food comes from; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets create unique opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and small businesses across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, consumers have a strong interest in eating locally and supporting local producers; and

WHEREAS, Idaho farmers markets are an essential source for fresh, local products, of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets provide the opportunity for community members to access healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho strongly supports and promotes the development, operation, and expansion of Farmers Markets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim August 2-8, 2020, to be

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in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the many benefits of Farmers Markets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE