



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, King County has 41 farmers markets, offering consumers affordable and healthy produce sold at the peak of freshness; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers markets promote health and reduce obesity by increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, farmers markets support the sustainability of small family farms, while creating opportunities for farmers and consumers to interact; and

**WHEREAS**, King County has permanently preserved more than 13,000 acres of the very best farmland so that farmers can continue to provide fresh, locally grown food; and

**WHEREAS**, King County farmers markets are accessible to more people than ever before, with more than half of all farmers markets accepting Washington EBT Quest cards for low-income shoppers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fresh Bucks program at farmers markets in Seattle, Duvall, and Vashon Island assists low-income shoppers in purchasing even more fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting farmers and farmers markets is a key component of the King County Local Food Initiative, which is designed to increase access to healthy, locally grown food that is available to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim the week of August 2 through August 8, 2015 to be

## **Farmers Market Week**

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the benefits of farmers markets and the important contributions that our farmers make to our economy, to the health of our citizens, and to the preservation of our environment.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive