



Resolution No. R2009-60

A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Recognizing the Beginning of the Farmers Market Season in Pierce County and Encouraging Residents to Visit Their Neighborhood Farmers Market to Obtain Locally Grown Produce and Other Farm Products.

Whereas, locally-grown produce is fresher than anything in the supermarket and that means it is tastier and more nutritious, and sustaining our farmers is also good for our local economy; and

Whereas, Pierce County residents currently tend to seven farmers markets (Tacoma-Broadway, Tacoma-Proctor, Tacoma – Sixth Avenue, Gig Harbor, Downtown Puyallup, Key Peninsula, and Orting) and have seeded five new markets (Summitview, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit-Waller, and DuPont) that will sprout within weeks ensuring the availability of healthy, local food options; and

Whereas, the farmers markets bring growers of fine fresh produce and purveyors of fine foods and goods together with hungry crowds of consumers; and

Whereas, each farmers market is a true example of a successful grassroots project that grows and supports other markets as if powered by SOUNDGRO; and

Whereas, the farmers markets have done a great service for our County by seeding, fertilizing and sharing the bounty of these remarkable projects; and

Whereas, as we start the farmers market season we are reminded of the sumptuous strawberries, bodacious berries, charming cherries, fragrant flowers, appealing apples, ravishing rhubarb, luscious lettuce, radiant radishes and bountiful baked goods that we haven't seen since the markets closed last fall; and

Whereas, school cannot end, summer cannot start, temperatures cannot rise, smiles cannot return to the faces of our fair County until the farmers markets reopen; **Now, Therefore,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Council of Pierce County:

May marks the beginning of the Farmers Market season in Pierce County. The Council encourages all residents to make an extra effort during the coming months to visit and consume local products that have been grown, raised, harvested, or manufactured from the bounties of our fertile land.

ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2009.

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