

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS PROCLAIMING AUGUST 6 – 12, 2023, AS

"Farmers Market Week"

WHEREAS, local farmers and ranchers provide citizens of Dripping Springs with access to healthful, locally and regionally produced foods through farmers markets, which are expanding and evolving to accommodate the demand for a diverse array of agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, farmers markets and other agricultural direct marketing outlets provide infrastructure to assist in the distribution of farm and value-added products, thereby contributing approximately \$9 billion to the U.S. economy each year; and

whereas, farmers markets serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, newly beginning, and veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the revitalization of rural communities nationwide; and

whereas, the City of Dripping Springs recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural marketing opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers and ranchers; generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation; build community connections through rural and urban linkages; and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Dripping Springs City Council:

- In conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week, and to further awareness
 of farmers markets' contributions to life in Dripping Springs, the week of August 6th through
 August 12th, 2023, shall be proclaimed as FARMERS MARKET WEEK in the City of Dripping Springs;
 and
- 2. The City Council invites the Dripping Springs Community to visit the Dripping Springs Farmers Markets on Wednesday, August 9th at Founders Memorial Park and on Saturday, August 12th at Veterans Memorial Park.