



King County



City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our region is renowned for its vibrant culinary scene, its bustling farmers markets, and its many local farms that produce fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products; and

WHEREAS, local food systems promote access to nutritious, safe, sufficient and culturally acceptable food for all, which is essential to human health in our communities; and

WHEREAS, sustainable family farms contribute to the long-term economic prosperity of our region, to the protection of precious natural resources and the environment and to a regional food system more resilient to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and King County are leaders in supporting policies and programs that grow the local food and farm economy, and increase access to healthy, affordable food for all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of farmland in King County is critical to the long term viability of our local food economy and for expanding access to fresh local food for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and King County have collaborated on an innovative and award-winning Transfer of Development Rights Program that preserves farmland and steers development growth away from rural and resource lands into urban areas; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the program in 2013, more than 1,100 acres of farmland have been permanently preserved in King County, which will help sustain the production of a fresh, local food to supply urban residents, restaurants and retailers for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, there is a role for all of us – government, individuals, businesses and organizations – in creating a healthy, vibrant food system that supports farmers, consumers and workers, while protecting our land and our natural resources

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the King County Executive, and the Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 24, 2016 to be

Food Day

in the City of Seattle and King County, Washington, and we urge all residents to participate in activities that support a healthy, sustainable local food system.

Dow Constantine, King County Executive

Edward B. Murray, Mayor of Seattle