



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, locally grown food is the freshest, juiciest, and most flavorful; and*

*WHEREAS, locally grown food inspires people to eat healthy and create new traditions with their families; and*

*WHEREAS, buying local helps New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and food producers earn a fair price for their products; and*

*WHEREAS, for every dollar of locally grown food that is purchased, \$1.80 is returned to our local economies; and*

*WHEREAS, a variety of state and federal programs are helping make fresh, locally grown food available and affordable to everyone; and*

*WHEREAS, local food sold at farmers' markets helps people learn where their food comes from; and*

*WHEREAS, locally produced, nutrient-dense foods contribute to overall health; and*

*WHEREAS, locally grown food improves soil, saves energy, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions; and*

*WHEREAS, locally grown and raised food supports fair labor practices and the ethical treatment of animals; and*

*WHEREAS, a resilient local food system relies upon a strong web of statewide partnerships; and*

*WHEREAS, locally grown food helps preserve New Mexico seeds, land, water, and agricultural knowledge.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 2022 as:*

## ***“LocalFoodConnectsNM Month”***

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.



  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor