

Rep. Abed offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 200.

A resolution to declare July 22-28, 2013, as Farmers Market Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Farmers markets are essential to the vitality of Michigan farms and are part of the cultural tradition of our state; and

Whereas, Farmers markets provide Michigan communities with an open space to gather, lifting community morale and enhancing civic pride; and

Whereas, Our state is home to more than 300 farmers markets and growing; and

Whereas, In Michigan, over 112 farmers' markets now participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, thereby increasing access to fresh, healthy foods to all citizens of the state; and

Whereas, In Michigan, over 94 farmers markets participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program, further increasing and advocating for healthy foods for all Michiganders; and

Whereas, Farmers markets help increase public awareness of the unique agricultural diversity of Michigan and the benefits of buying local and preserving state traditions; and

Whereas, It is befitting for the citizens of Michigan to recognize the continued contribution of farmers markets to local consumers, as well as their positive impact on the economy of the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare July 22-28, 2013, as Farmers Market Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all the citizens to recognize this event and participate fittingly in its observance.