

## ***A Proclamation Designating Bristol Farmers Market Week***

***Whereas*** farmers markets are important nationwide outlets for agricultural producers, providing them with increased marketing opportunities; and

***Whereas*** more than 4,400 farmers markets across the country offer consumers farm-fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthful products such as fruits, vegetables, cheeses, herbs, flowers, baked goods, meat and much more; and

***Whereas*** farmers markets serve as integral links among urban, suburban, and rural communities, affording farmers and consumers the opportunity to interact; and

***Whereas*** the popularity of farmers markets continues to rise as more and more consumers discover the joys of shopping for unique ingredients sold directly from the farm as well as the pleasure of buying familiar products in their freshest possible state; and

***Whereas*** the City of Bristol, Tennessee strongly supports and promotes the development and operation of the State Street Farmers Market and other direct-to-consumer marketing activities for agricultural producers,

***Now, Therefore, I, Fred Testa, Mayor of the City of Bristol Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of August 10-16, as***

### ***Bristol Farmers Market Week***

*to further awareness of farmers markets and the contributions farmers make to daily life in America, and I encourage the citizens of Bristol to celebrate the benefits of farmers markets and the bountiful production of our area farmers with appropriate observances and activities.*

*This 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.*

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*Fred Testa, Mayor*