RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION NO. 124 -2022 Proclaiming August 7th-13th, 2022 as Kitsap County Farmers Market Week

WHEREAS Kitsap County farmers and ranchers provide citizens 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 each year to the U.S. economy, and

WHEREAS farmers markets serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, new and 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 Kitsap County Board of Commissioners 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, to further awareness of farmers markets' contributions to Kitsap County life, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of August 7-13, 2022, as Kitsap County Farmers Market Week, in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week and call upon Kitsap citizens to celebrate farmers markets with appropriate observance and activities.

ADOPTED this 25th day of July 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON

EDWARD E. WOLFE, Chair

CHARLOTTE GARRIDO, Commissioner

ROBERT GELDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Dana Daniels, Clerk of the Board