

Austin Food Week Proclamation- October 21-27, 2012

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2012, a nationwide celebration and movement for healthy, affordable, and sustainable food ("Food Day") will be observed in cities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the type and quality of foods we eat play a significant role in our community's health, including prevention of chronic diseases and obesity; and

WHEREAS, supporting a healthy, affordable local food system enhances economic health for local families, food growers, producers, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, numerous Austin organizations are coordinating Food Day events the fourth week of October to raise awareness of and demonstrate the need for a local food system that promotes health, sustains resources, and is accessible to all Austinites; and

WHEREAS, by supporting the continued development of a sustainable local food system, we can build on the successes of the past and establish the solid foundation needed for a healthy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Leffingwell by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Austin, Texas do hereby proclaim the week of October 21-27, 2012 as Austin Food Week and call upon the people of Austin to observe this week by participating in Food Week events, shopping at one of our many farmer's markets, and dining at Austin-area restaurants that source locally grown and produced ingredients.