

Michigan Good Food Charter Resolution of Support

Whereas, Michigan has the second most diverse agricultural production in the country and yet 59 percent of residents live in a place that has inadequate access to healthy and affordable food; and

Whereas, Michigan consumers' interest in local foods is growing rapidly and yet mid-sized farms are disappearing at an alarming rate and many farms cannot support themselves without off-farm work; and

Whereas, the prevalence of diet-related disease demands we address our system of growing, selling and consuming food; and

Whereas, Michigan's \$71 billion dollar agri-food economy creates unparalleled potential for economic development in the food system; be it therefore

Resolved, that the undersigned endorses the vision of the Michigan Good Food Charter and supports policy and practice changes in the following areas to advance a locally-integrated food system based on good food - food that is healthy, green, fair and affordable - as a means of achieving a healthier, more prosperous and more equitable state:

- 1. Expanded institutional purchasing of Michigan grown and produced foods.
- 2. Increased ability of farmers to profitably supply food to Michigan markets and pay fair wages to their workers.
- 3. Expanded generation of new agri-food businesses.
- 4. Increased access to good, Michigan food.
- 5. Increased adherence of food in K-12 schools to Michigan Nutrition Standards.
- 6. Increased exposure to food and agriculture for Michigan youth through school curricula and through career development.

Individuals and organizations signing this resolution of support will be listed at www.michiganfood.org and this list will be presented to state and local lawmakers.

| Organization's Name (If not applicable leave blank) | | |
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