



RYAN F. QUARLES

KENTUCKY COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, eating healthy local food helps children excel in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in every other phase of life; and

WHEREAS, buying local food creates income for farmers and generates economic activity in Kentucky communities; and

WHEREAS, 907 schools in 77 Kentucky school districts purchased nearly \$8.9 million worth of locally produced food during the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program helps connect Kentucky school systems with farmers and food businesses to put more local foods on the plates of Kentucky students; and

WHEREAS, the Farm to School Program's annual Junior Chef competition teaches high school students cooking skills while raising awareness of the importance of using local foods; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Chef competition has developed into a national model that has inspired a multi-state Junior Chef tournament that takes place each spring;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby declare **OCTOBER 2018** as

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE in the City of Frankfort, this Twenty-Seventh Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen, in the Two Hundred Twenty-Seventh Year of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RYAN F. QUARLES, Commissioner

