

**MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MICHIGAN GOOD FOOD CHARTER**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Good Food Charter is a starting point for discussion to build upon Michigan's food and agriculture system and the goal of advancing an integrated food system and growing our agricultural economy is necessary to achieve a healthier, more prosperous and equitable state; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's diverse \$71 billion agri-food economy creates unparalleled potential for economic development in Michigan's food systems; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Commission encourages all aspects of the existing commercial farming and food processing systems, as well as emerging new farming operations, to participate in the discussion; and

WHEREAS, to make structural changes and long-term improvements sustainable, private sector involvement and support is crucial; and

WHEREAS, the following goals should be considered when developing/refining the Charter:

- Enhancing the ability of farmers to profitably supply food to Michigan residents, as well as regional, national, and international markets.
- Expanding existing agri-businesses and food processors in the state, and striving to reach a new generation of consumers.
- Increasing access to wholesome Michigan food for all residents.
- Increasing exposure to the food and agriculture industry for Michigan students in K-12, in addition to post-secondary education.
- Expanding institutional purchasing of Michigan-grown and processed foods.
- Considering financial implications and resources necessary for the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to fully participate and/or implement these concepts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Commission of Agriculture supports in principle the Michigan Good Food Charter and the efforts put forward to implement the Charter.

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Ovid, Michigan

Todd Regis, Chair  
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