

**Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Alaska  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Food Group is presenting central Kenai Peninsula's third annual Harvest Moon Local Food Festival August 6 -15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvest Moon Local Food Festival celebrates the farmers, gardeners, farmers' markets, fishermen, processors, grocers, restaurants, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations that make our community a better place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvest Moon Local Food Festival is an opportunity for central Kenai Peninsula residents to explore and celebrate local food including seafood and farming; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, a grassroots movement for local, sustainable agriculture has been growing here in the central Kenai Peninsula and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and environmental benefits of locally grown and produced foods are already well known; and

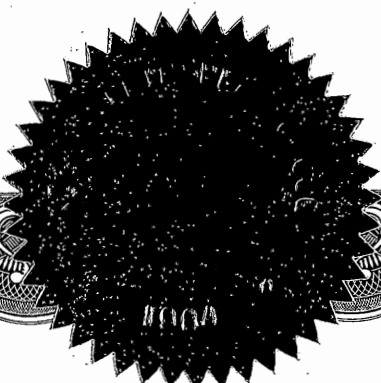
**WHEREAS**, eating locally helps to build a local food economy that keeps money in our communities, encouraging the growth of local food-related businesses and creating new green jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the cultivation of a "slow food" culture promotes reconnection with neighbors, family, and friends around the dinner table; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Mike Navarre, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, do here by proclaim August 6-15, 2015 as:

**HARVEST MOON LOCAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

on the Kenai Peninsula, and encourage residents to celebrate and explore the benefits of healthy local foods in our own communities, that will not only benefit our families, but will help strengthen our local food economy for years to come.

  
*Mike Navarre*  
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Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor