

PROCLAMATION
FARM WORKER AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 24 – 31, 2013

WHEREAS, eighty-five percent of fruits and vegetables produced in the United States are harvested by hand; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is North Carolina's leading industry, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is among the top six states in farm worker population at more than 150,000, and

WHEREAS, each farm worker received only six cents of each food dollar yet their labor contributes more than \$12,000 in profits annually to the state's economy, and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth City's people and economy benefit from the hard work of these individuals, and

WHEREAS, Albemarle Health and the Gateway Community Health Centers' Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Program recognize March 24-31, 2013, as Farm Worker Awareness Week with the theme Got Food? Thank a Farm Worker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Joseph W. Peel, do proclaim March 24-31, 2013, as "***Farm Worker Awareness Week***" in Elizabeth City and urge all our citizens to acknowledge the valuable contributions farm workers make to our economy, our community and our wellbeing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 11th day of March 2013.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk