MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 5822-A (Senator Metzger) / Assembly Bill 8294 (Assemblymember Barrett)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAW AND THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO THE FARMERS’ MARKETS IN STATE AND LOCAL PARKS

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New York Farm Bureau, the state’s largest general farm organization, would like to express its support for this legislation. This bill would allow for farmers’ markets to be conducted in state and local parks.

Farmers have long supported the development of farmers’ markets as important ways to direct market to consumers. Farmers’ markets at times can struggle to secure a location that accommodates both famers and patrons. Farm fresh products are becoming popular for New Yorkers and this bill would increase the accessibility of farmers’ markets by making local and state parks a permittable location.

In the interest of supporting New York’s family farms and improving access to New York grown food across the state, New York Farm Bureau respectfully requests your support of this legislation.