**Sample Proclamation**

In order to show appreciation for all the invaluable services supermarket employees are performing during the pandemic, we wish to recognize them by proclaiming February 22, 2023, as Supermarket Employee Day. Below is a sample proclamation that can be customized for use at the state or local level. If you need assistance, please contact FMI’s Mike Green.

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF (NAME OF STATE/LOCALITY),

I (name), (Title) of (State/locality) do hereby proclaim **February 22, 2023, as**

 **Supermarket Employee Day**

**WHEREAS**, there are nearly six million supermarket employees in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in [State/locality] there are XX, XXX food retail jobs that generate $XXXX in economic activity; and (**NOTE: Use our** [**Grocery Industry Economic Impact map**](https://www.fmi.org/government-affairs/grocery-industry-economic-impact) **to calculate local statistics)**

**WHEREAS**, supermarket employees provide all Americans with access to safe, healthy and

affordable food; and

**WHEREAS**, supermarket employees work to enhance the health and well-being of each customer; and

**WHEREAS**, supermarket employees contribute and volunteer countless hours in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, supermarket employees face unprecedented challenges keeping grocery

shelves stocked during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, supermarket employees have and continue to meet and exceed these challenges, while displaying courage, compassion, dedication, and leadership, as well as exemplifying customer service and community outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for supermarket employees is greater than ever because of current and growing consumer demands as well as their reputation for excellence; and

**NOW THEREFORE I,** (Name), (Title) of (State/locality) do hereby proclaim February 22, 2023, as Supermarket Employee Day and ask all citizens to join in honoring our Supermarket Heroes.