

Montville Local Food Security Resolution

The Town of Montville (“Montville”) resolves to support the production, processing, sale and consumption of local foods with the purpose of bolstering our farms and community traditions. Montville recognizes the right of farmers/producers to be secure in their individual land ownership and Montville shall encourage programs that sustain landowners in local food production.

Montville undertakes this resolution in order to provide security for our citizens to local food and farms and assure a means of feeding ourselves through a system of free and open trade. Montville encourages the preservation of community social events where local foods are sold/purchased. Montville supports strengthening local food knowledge, traditional foodways and the education of all citizens, especially those younger than eighteen with regard to the growth, preparation and care of this food.

Montville affirms our farmers’/producers’ (hereafter includes “processors”) rights as individual entities to decide issues of licensure and liability with respect to their farms and products, with the understanding that the sales transactions are made face to face with a patron and the food is for home consumption. Montville upholds our farmers’/producers’ rights whether selling at farmers’ markets, roadside stands, through community associations at the originating farm or delivered to a purchaser.

Montville bears no liability for endorsing our farmers/producers while staunchly confirming our citizens’ right to purchase food locally. Montville expects local food to be raised/produced or prepared with respect for the dignity, health and nutrition of the citizens and any animals involved, and with respect and care for our shared natural resources.

The citizens of Montville shall pursue, sustain and advocate for new and/or existing policy and legislation supporting local food security and independence. Montville will encourage education and knowledge about any such law, whether it is on a municipal, county, state, federal or any other governmental level.

Montville recognizes the increasing pressure from some corporate and some government entities that may intentionally or unintentionally impede our farmers/producers in providing local food to our citizens. Therefore, the citizens of Montville through the legal entity of the Town of Montville attest to our right to sustain our local food trade by adopting this resolution.