[NAME OF GOVERNMENT AGENCY]

FOOD CHECK-OUT WEEK

February 15-20, 2016

By [TITLE OF OFFICIAL]

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** it is important that Americans have access to and consume healthful foods containing adequate vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutrients; and

**WHEREAS** achieving better nutrition with fewer resources remains a shared concern of our citizens that can be addressed through consumer education and wise shopping strategies; and

**WHEREAS** Florida farmers and ranchers are unmatched in their ability to consistently produce an abundance of safe, nutritious and affordable food; and

**WHEREAS** producers confront significant uncertainties including inclement weather, damaging insects and other challenges, on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS** [COUNTY OR STATE] farmers, ranchers and others involved in agriculture, working together in an environmentally sustainable way, help feed people here in [COUNTY/CITY], our state, our nation and in other countries around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, [We] [NAME OF OFFICIAL(S)], [TITLE OF OFFICIAL(S)], do hereby proclaim February 15-20, 2016, as Food Check-Out Week. I [We] call upon all Americans to join me [us] in recognizing and reflecting upon the strength of our diverse agricultural production and in celebrating its achievements with appropriate observances and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand this (DAY) of (MONTH), 2016.