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**WAYNE COUNTY & DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
CELEBRATE FALL HARVEST AT DETROIT EASTERN MARKET
Saturday, October 2, 2010 – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Wayne County and Detroit City Council in partnership with Eastern Market Corporation will celebrate their annual Harvest Festival at historic Eastern Market. Festivities will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be located north of Shed 5 on Russell Street between Alfred and Wilkins.

“Each year, the happy faces of the families attending makes this day complete,” said Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County Executive. “Harvest Fest is one of the great annual events in the county.”

The Harvest Fest will include activities for children such as hayrides, pick a pumpkin, pony rides, face painting, pie-eating contests and coloring tables. Luther “Badman” Keith will perform throughout the day. A 500-pound pumpkin will be carved in Shed 2 at 2 p.m. In honor of fire safety month, the Detroit Fire Department will teach fire safety and prevention techniques.

Michigan State University will be on site to provide free health screening for cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, height and weight. Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine will provide free health screening for pets.

“Harvest Fest represents the best that Detroit has to offer,” said Jo Ann Watson, Detroit City Councilwoman. “I am so pleased to be associated with such a spectacular event that brings together Wayne County and Detroit communities to celebrate our children with fun and festive activities while celebrating Michigan’s harvest.”

“Part of what makes Eastern Market special is that it delivers a memorable experience with every visit,” said Dan Carmody, President of Eastern Market Corporation. “We are honored to partner with Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano and Detroit City Council to promote one of Michigan’s largest industries and celebrate southeast Michigan’s harvest with thousands of families at Eastern Market.”

This annual event draws thousands of families to Eastern Market and is one of the best free children’s events in Detroit. The event includes free food and refreshments for all children attending the event.

Eastern Market is located between Gratiot and Mack, bordered by Orleans and I-75 service drive just northeast of downtown Detroit. For more information about this event please visit www.waynecounty.com; www.detroiteasternmarket.com or call (313) 967-3869.

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