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To the Honorable Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Palmer, but as a proud steward of one of Alaska's most agriculturally rich communities, in full support of recognizing the Giant Cabbage as Alaska's official State Vegetable.

Palmer's history is rooted—quite literally—in the fertile soil of the Matanuska Valley. Established during the New Deal era as part of the Matanuska Colony Project in 1935, Palmer has been a hub of agricultural innovation and resilience ever since. The legacy of those original colonists lives on in the form of family farms, thriving greenhouses, and in one of the most iconic symbols of Alaska-grown abundance: the Giant Cabbage.

Nowhere is this celebrated more than at our beloved Alaska State Fair, held right here in Palmer. Each year, people from across the state—and around the world—flock to see the awe-inspiring cabbages that tip the scales at over 100 pounds. These giants are more than a novelty; they are a living testament to Alaska's unique growing conditions, our midnight sun, and the dedication of generations of Alaskan farmers.

The Giant Cabbage represents the ingenuity, persistence, and pride of our agricultural communities. It is a vegetable that thrives under Alaskan skies, nurtured by local hands, and woven into the cultural fabric of our state. As Mayor of Palmer, I can think of no better symbol to represent the spirit and strength of Alaska agriculture.

Designating the Giant Cabbage as Alaska's State Vegetable would honor our agricultural past, celebrate our present accomplishments, and inspire future generations to dig deep into our soil and continue cultivating the land with care and pride.

I urge you to support this designation and let the Giant Cabbage stand tall—officially—as an emblem of Alaska's agricultural heritage.

With sincere appreciation,

Steve Carrington
Mayor, City of Palmer, Alaska