Subject; Pawpaw as the official State Native Fruit of Kentucky 24 July 2026

To whom this may concern

We have worked with Pawpaw for the last 25 year and the growing popularity of PAWPAW is positioned to be one of the most popular fruit especially in the Eastern United States let alone in Kentuck with the growing demand of fruit and trees I see no reason why it should not be and given the reasons below it would be advantageous to do it before some of the other states file for it.

1. It's north Americas largest native fruit.
2. Ale 8 one has commercialized the name and the Drink.
3. Its taste is irrefutable, the best tasting fruit in Eastern North America.
4. And being a hardy subtropical throughout the Eastern North Americas from Florida panhandles to Quebec Canada it's no wonder it has not been assigned the Kentucky Native fruit from the beginning of the great history of KY. From the beginning of Lewis and Clark to moon shot it has been with Kentucky for many thousands of years.

In closing including the Pawpaw (Asimina Triloba) would be an economic boost to Growers, Orchardist, and is already established as an alternative crop in Kentucky though USDA, FSA and NRCS and combined generate many hundreds of thousands of dollars though out Kentucky already.

Thank you and good growing

Respectively

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