

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/158

Recognizing May 2017 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) along with the CalFresh Partner Group, comprised of The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, Family Economic Security Partnership, Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, and Meals on Wheels, is committed to increasing CalFresh participation and awareness for residents in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, encouraging eligible residents to enroll in CalFresh will increase access to healthy, affordable food; and

WHEREAS, EHSD's partnership with the community will raise awareness and visibility of the CalFresh program and target increased enrollment for families and seniors; and

WHEREAS, 65,007 Contra Costa County residents received CalFresh as of December 31, 2016, nearly half of them children; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Food Policy Advocates (CEPA), only 51.2 percent of all Contra Costa County residents eligible for CalFresh benefits receive them; and

WHEREAS, this indicates that there is a significant number of additional Contra Costa County residents who lack food security and remain unaware that they may qualify for CalFresh; and

WHEREAS, every dollar of CalFresh benefits results in economic generation in the amount of \$1.79; and

WHEREAS, EHSD is partners with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, the Ensuring Opportunity Campaign, the Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition, and other community based organizations, cities and schools throughout Contra Costa County to heighten public awareness and improve participation in the CalFresh program to support economic success and food security where Contra Costa residents have access to safe, nutritious food in adequate quantities and understand healthy ways to prepare food; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has launches the CalFresh Employment and Training Program, is one of 34 counties in the State to offer CalFresh participants training and assistance towards job readiness. job security, work norms and access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, actively promoting CalFresh participation by having all County departments participate in CalFresh awareness throughout Contra Costa by including CalFresh information and a link to the MyBenefitsCalWIN site on their individual websites will result in increased participation in the CalFresh program, as well as favorable economic and health outcomes for Contra Costa County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2017 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Contra Costa County, and honors all of the individuals, organizations and agencies working to ensure that all County residents have access to safe, nutritious food and support in achieving sustainable economic health.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 9, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy