The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: CalFresh Awareness Month Resolution No. 2019/141

WHEREAS, the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) and 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, are 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 the visibility of the CalFresh program, while informing residents of upcoming eligibility requirements around employment; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County residents in receipt of Social Security Benefits may now be entitled to CalFresh benefits, potentially serving an additional 7,500 individuals who are elderly and disabled; and

WHEREAS, 56,500 Contra Costa County residents received CalFresh as of February, 2019; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh benefits drive over \$115 million in total economic activity annually in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County has launched the CalFresh Employment and Training Program, becoming 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, EHSD actively promotes CalFresh participation by encouraging all County departments to participate in CalFresh awareness 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 the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2019 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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Chair, District I Supervisor

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KAREN MITCHOFF District IV Supervisor

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 14, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy