

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2021/163

Proclaiming May 2021 as CalFresh Awareness Month

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 the visibility of the CalFresh program; and

WHEREAS, EHSD is planning for the CalFresh Business Process Reengineering effort with Change and Innovation Agency (C!A), beginning in mid-May, collaborating to form a redesign team to fine-tune the service delivery model to create process solutions that are faster, accurate, easily accessible, consistent, integrated, and flexible.

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, CalFresh has supported families by providing emergency benefits, implementing program flexibilities and establishing new programs to ensure Californians continue to have access to food; and

WHEREAS, due to extensive economic impacts of COVID-19, some individuals and families may be eligible to receive CalFresh for the first time ever; and

WHEREAS, approximately 77,000 Contra Costa County residents received CalFresh as of March 2021; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh benefits have driven nearly \$300 million in total economic activity from March 2020 through March 2021 in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County is one of 34 counties in the state to offer the CalFresh Employment and Training Program, providing 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2021 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 11, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy