The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Resolution No. 2023/187

Proclaiming May 2023 as CalFresh Awareness Month

WHEREAS, CalFresh food benefits stretch household budgets, enabling recipients to afford nutritious food, including more fruits, vegetables, and other healthy options; and

WHEREAS, encouraging eligible residents to enroll in the CalFresh program will increase the health and well-being of eligible families and individuals by helping provide a means to meet their nutritional needs; and

WHEREAS, EHSD's community partnerships, including the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano, help raise awareness and visibility of CalFresh; and

WHEREAS, adults 18 years or older can be eligible for CalFresh, and may apply on behalf of their children, including non-citizen parents who may apply on behalf of their U.S.-born children; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh Food benefits can be used at most grocery stores and even select online retailers; and matched dollar for dollar at participating farmers markets; and

WHEREAS, 93,169 Contra Costa County residents are receiving CalFresh as of March 2023; and WHEREAS, CalFresh benefits have contributed \$297 million to our economy from April 2022 through March 2023 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2023 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.

CANDACE ANDERSEN District II Supervisor DIANE BURGIS District II Supervisor District III Supervisor EXENCARLSON 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

ATTESTED: May 23, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: ________, Deputy