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# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: CalFresh Awareness Month  
in May 2024.**

Resolution No. 2024-141

**WHEREAS**, access to safe, nutritious and culturally acceptable food is a basic human right and is essential to human health; and

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

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate community members about food benefits and the CalFresh application process, and dispel myths about eligibility requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, income-eligible adults can participate in the CalFresh program, 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**, 101,294 Contra Costa County residents received CalFresh in December 2023, and 2023 was the first year ever that the total number of CalFresh recipients exceeded 100,000 in a single month; and

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh benefits contributed \$224 million to our economy in the year from April 2023 through March 2024, in Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh food benefits can be used at most grocery stores, farmers markets, convenience stores, and even select online retailers; and

**WHEREAS**, all Contra Costa County departments can actively promote and help increase CalFresh participation by including CalFresh information and a link to BenefitsCal.com on their individual websites; and

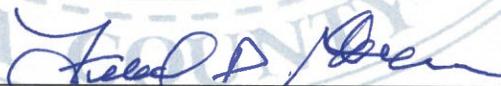
**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County is one of 34 counties in the state to offer the CalFresh Employment and Training Program, providing training and assistance towards job readiness, job security, work norms, and access to higher education for CalFresh participants; and

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh participation enhances the health and well-being of eligible families and individuals by providing a means to meet their nutritional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department's community partners, such as the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and Solano, help promote CalFresh so those who are eligible may utilize this food benefit program; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaims May 2024 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.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024.*



**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

Chair,  
District V Supervisor



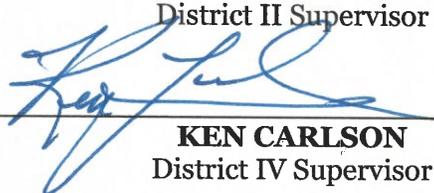
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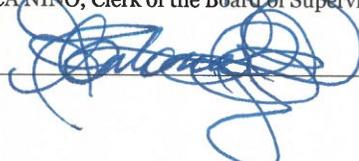


**KEN CARLSON**  
District IV Supervisor

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: April 22, 2024

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  , Deputy

