



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: May 14, 2019

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Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Declaring May 2019 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Sonoma County.**

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

**Whereas,** food security is a state in which all persons obtain a nutritionally adequate, culturally acceptable diet at all times through local non-emergency sources; and

**Whereas,** food security is the foundation of a strong and healthy community; and

**Whereas,** food insecurity results in poor nutritional intake, unhealthy eating behaviors that persist sometimes for decades after the food insecurity experience, and is associated with poor health outcomes in all populations and higher health care costs; and

**Whereas,** a robust CalFresh program (known nationally as SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is critical to providing financial resources for food to thousands of Sonoma County Residents; and

**Whereas,** a robust SNAP education program (SNAP-Ed) is critical to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for CalFresh will make health food and physical activity choices within a limited budget consistent with the current *Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans*; and

**Whereas,** the average CalFresh household in Sonoma County receives approximately \$217 per month for groceries; and CalFresh is provided on an electronic benefit card that can be used in grocery stores, supermarkets and Sonoma County farmers' markets; and

**Whereas,** CalFresh spurs the local economy because each CalFresh benefit dollar generates \$1.79 as an economic multiplier, bringing to the County \$7 million in

associated economic activity; and

**Whereas**, approximately 26,000 individuals in Sonoma County receive CalFresh, yet more may be eligible; and

**Whereas**, a key opportunity for increasing participation is conducting outreach to people who are likely eligible; and

**Whereas**, community partners, County departments, and local leaders all have a role to play in furthering awareness about CalFresh and promoting this critical program.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2019 CalFresh Awareness Month and urges all community members to support efforts to increase awareness of and participation in the CalFresh and SNAP-Ed programs.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**