



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 11, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
declaring May 2021 as CalFresh Awareness Month in Sonoma County.**

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

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

Whereas, food insecurity results in poor nutritional intake, unhealthy eating behaviors that can affect multiple generations, and is associated with poor health outcomes resulting in higher mortality rates and increased health care costs; and

Whereas, a robust CalFresh program is critical to providing financial resources for food to thousands of Sonoma County Residents; and

Whereas, in 2021, the average CalFresh household in Sonoma County receives approximately \$317 per month for groceries and spurs the local economy as each CalFresh dollar generates \$1.79 as an economic multiplier, bringing to the County \$6 million in associated economic activity

Whereas, approximately 30,000 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

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May 2021 CalFresh Awareness Month and urges all community members to support efforts to increase awareness of and participation in the CalFresh program.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.