

PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) staff strive to ensure CalFresh benefits are accessible to all eligible Humboldt County residents and utilized to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh helps provide food security to more than 30,000 county residents including more than 7,500 children and 5,500 elderly community members; and

WHEREAS, DHHS and community partners work hard to make sure our most vulnerable populations have food on their tables and to get these benefits out to eligible community members who are experiencing economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, our local Humboldt County economy benefited from the more than \$64 million in federal CalFresh funds that were spent on food by county residents in 2023; and

WHEREAS, DHHS Social Services branch staff has relationships with community-based organizations and medical providers that help refer people to the CalFresh program which creates an important link to these benefits for people experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh funding pays for the benefit assistance program and nutrition education accomplished through Public Health, funding local outreach programs, helping children access free and reduced cost school meals, supporting local farms through the Market Match farmers' market program and supporting job placement through CalFresh Employment & Training's support to the Helping Humboldt employment empowerment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2024 as CalFresh Awareness Month honoring the work the CalFresh program accomplishes through community agencies and Social Services staff to help alleviate food insecurity among all Humboldt County residents.

May 7, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

