

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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

WHEREAS, CalFresh ensures food security for nearly 19,800 Humboldt County residents including more than 6,575 children and 1,730 elderly community members; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh is striving to make sure our most vulnerable populations have food on their tables and will be expanding benefits to include recipients of SSI/SSP Social Security elderly and disabled funding as of June 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, our local Humboldt County economy benefited from the more than \$32,000,000 in federal CalFresh funds that were spent on food by county residents in 2018; and

WHEREAS, staff from DHHS's Social Services branch has established relationships with community based organizations and medical providers who help refer people to the CalFresh program and create an important link to these benefits for people experiencing food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh contributes through more than the benefit assistance program by providing nutrition education through Public Health, funding local outreach programs, helping children access free and reduced priced school meals, supporting local farms through the Market Match farmers' market program and supporting job placement through CalFresh Employment & Training which strives to increase the employment and earning capacity of recipients through programs like Helping Humboldt.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2019 as CalFresh Awareness Month by honoring the work the CalFresh program does through many community agencies and through its eligibility staff to alleviate food insecurity among Humboldt County residents including individuals, families with children, and elderly and disabled people.

DATED: May 14, 2019



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rex Bohn".

Rex Bohn, Chair