

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

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services 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 21,800 Humboldt County residents including more than 6,400 children and 3,050 elderly community members; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh is striving to make sure our most vulnerable populations have food on their tables and are working diligently to get these benefits out to all those experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order; and

WHEREAS, our local Humboldt County economy benefited from the more than \$33 million in federal CalFresh funds that were spent on food by county residents in 2019; and

WHEREAS, staff from DHHS's Social Services branch has 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's support to the Helping Humboldt employment empowerment program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim May 2020 as CalFresh Awareness Month by honoring the work the CalFresh program does through many community agencies and through its eligibility specialists to alleviate food insecurity among Humboldt County residents including individuals, families with children, and elderly and disabled people.

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ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair

