

## CalFresh Awareness Month – May 2026

**WHEREAS**, each May, communities across California recognize CalFresh Awareness Month as an opportunity to highlight one of the state’s most effective tools in the fight against hunger. This year’s theme, “Still Reaching. Still Feeding,” reflects Napa County’s continued commitment to ensuring all residents have access to healthy, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, recognizing that food security is fundamental to the health, dignity, and well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh, California’s implementation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is a vital resource that helps reduce food insecurity and supports individuals and families in leading healthy, active lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in Napa County, CalFresh helps more than 10,000 residents in over 6,000 households access fresh and nutritious food for themselves, their families, children, and older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County’s Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), through its Self-Sufficiency Services division and in partnership with community organizations, works tirelessly to connect residents with the benefits and services they deserve through compassionate, client-centered outreach, eligibility support, and innovative programs such as HHSA’s Be Well Mobile Services, helping ensure access to fresh, healthy, and culturally diverse nutrition throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2025, more than \$22 million in CalFresh benefits were issued in Napa County, supporting local families while strengthening neighborhood retailers, farmers markets, and the region’s agricultural economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County continued to see strong use of EBT food benefits at local farmers markets in 2025, with approximately \$170,000 spent on food assistance and more than \$87,000 in matched funds, representing a 14 percent increase over the prior year; and

**WHEREAS**, CalFresh provides more than food assistance by also supporting employment and training opportunities and expanding benefits during disasters and emergencies when community members are most vulnerable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, does hereby recognize **May 2026** as **CalFresh Awareness Month** in Napa County and encourages all residents to learn about CalFresh, support enrollment efforts, and help ensure no one in Napa County goes without access to food and nutrition benefits.

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