

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CalFresh Awareness Month – May 2023

WHEREAS, CalFresh, California’s version of the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), is the largest food program in California and provides an essential hunger safety net through monthly food assistance to qualifying households in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, from January 2019 to April 2023, the number of Napa County households receiving **CalFresh** benefits more than doubled, increasing from 2,682 to 5,339 households; and

WHEREAS, food security is the foundation of a strong and healthy community; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh improves the health and well-being of qualified households by increasing access to healthy and nutritious foods; and

WHEREAS, Napa County, alongside a host of community-based organizations, consistently works to strengthen our local food system by recognizing that **CalFresh** plays a significant role in building an economically stable environment for individuals and families to thrive; and

WHEREAS, CalFresh is accepted at farmers’ markets, which supports access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and the Market Match program allows a **CalFresh** household to extend the value of its benefits; farmers’ markets will double the value of purchases made; and

WHEREAS, in addition to food benefits, **CalFresh** provides nutrition education, employment and training services, and expanded support during disasters; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of **May**, a series of outreach events and social media alerts are designed to increase public awareness of **CalFresh**, dispel myths, and encourage eligible individuals and families to apply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 16th day of **May 2023**, does hereby recognize **May 2023 as CalFresh Awareness Month** in Napa County, and in doing so, we urge all members of the community to support efforts toward increasing awareness of, and participation in, the **CalFresh** program.

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