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Proclamation Recognizing May 2024 as CalFresh Awareness and Action Month in the City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, this is a Resolution declaring May 2024 as CalFresh Awareness and Action Month in the City and County of San Francisco, and urging all community members to support efforts to increase awareness of, and participation in, the CalFresh program; and

WHEREAS, access to safe, nutritious and culturally acceptable food is a basic human right and is essential to human health; and

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

WHEREAS, food insecurity in San Francisco rose to historic proportions during the COVID-19 crisis, CalFresh played a critical role in filling the gap during and after the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco there are 112,000 individuals (79,000 households) receiving CalFresh benefits; and

WHEREAS, SFHSA continued its contract with 211 San Diego to expand CalFresh access, increase food security, and reduce churn. On a monthly basis, staff from 211 San Diego conduct telephone outreach to clients receiving CalFresh benefits to remind them of important recertification/renewal deadlines and provide any necessary support, thereby helping them to maintain benefits. The recertification/renewal forms are then processed by SFHSA staff; and

WHEREAS, SFHSA maintains its longstanding contractual partnership with the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to provide accessible and culturally relevant CalFresh outreach and application assistance support throughout San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Market Match allows a CalFresh household to extend the value of its benefits; farmers markets will double the value of purchases made using CalFresh EBT. This promotes healthy food options, supports farmers and extends the clients' CalFresh budget; and



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WHEREAS, SFHSA has resumed its CalFresh-in-a-Day events in the community that were paused due to the pandemic and interview waivers (both of which have since been lifted). At these events, SFHSA brings its eligibility workers to non-profits, colleges, and other sites to help individuals get enrolled into CalFresh on the spot; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to offer a Restaurant Meals Program, allowing homeless, seniors, and the federally disabled to use their CalFresh allotment to pay for meals in designated restaurants. This increases the access to hot meals for those without easy access to kitchens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Human Services Commission proclaims May 2024 to be CalFresh Awareness and Action Month, and urge all community members to support efforts to increase awareness of and participation in the CalFresh program.

Scott Kahn
President, Human Services Commission

Date