



City and County of San Francisco
Daniel Lurie, Mayor

Proclamation Recognizing May 2026 as CalFresh Awareness and Action Month in the City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, this is a Resolution declaring May 2026 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 has a strong negative impact on health and persists in San Francisco, CalFresh has played a critical role in filling the gap; and

WHEREAS, in San Francisco there are 109,000 individuals (81,000 households) receiving benefits; and

WHEREAS, SFHSA maintains its AB 1326 partnership, under an agreement, with public institutions of higher education—namely City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, and the University of California, San Francisco—to help connect students with CalFresh benefits, and meets regularly with each institution to address complex student cases, identify strategies to overcome barriers, and promote CalFresh awareness among students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, SFHSA is launching its Mobile Benefits Center (MBC), a new public benefits hub on wheels that brings CalFresh directly to San Francisco neighborhoods in need of food support; the project was made possible by a generous grant from the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and Share Our Strength (SOS), informed by community members with lived experience accessing benefits, and co-designed in partnership with CivicMakers and the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank using a data-driven, research-backed approach, including focus groups and ideation sessions with staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, SFHSA continues to facilitate CalFresh 101 presentations at community-based organizations and other City agencies to raise awareness of CalFresh benefits and eligibility criteria; 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

WHEREAS, SFHSA continues to hold CalFresh-in-a-Day events in the community (aka as pop-up enrollment events) wherein SFHSA brings its eligibility workers to local non-profits and colleges 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 2026 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 L. Kahn
President, Human Services Commission

Date

