

RESOLUTION NO. 18-051

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING CALFRESH
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, One of the highest priorities of Los Angeles County is to reduce food insecurity and improve health in the nation's largest populated county by increasing access and participation in the CalFresh Program;

WHEREAS, Food insecurity is defined as the lack of reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food;

WHEREAS, Studies suggest that household hunger negatively impacts the intellectual, physical, and emotional development of children and puts them at greater risks for obesity, diabetes and other diseases;

WHEREAS, The latest L.A. County Department of Public Health study on food insecurity confirms that CalFresh serves as a significant resource in the countywide approach to preventing food insecurity, helping low-income families and individuals increase their food purchasing power and raise their levels of nutrition;

WHEREAS, In an effort to remove the barriers that discourage residents who are eligible for CalFresh, but are not applying, the County Department of Public Social Services has launched an aggressive community outreach and social media campaign to increase CalFresh participation;

WHEREAS, The County Departments of Public Social Services, Public Health, and Health Services are partnering with the 88 cities of the County, community and faith-based partners, community health clinics, food insecurity coalitions, supermarket chains, farmers' markets, food banks, community colleges, universities and school districts, to enhance outreach for this 8th annual campaign.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the that the City of Carson, California join the County of Los Angeles in proclaiming May 2018 as CalFresh Awareness Month and urge all residents to share information about the benefits of the CalFresh Program with those who desperately need it most.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2018.

Mayor Albert Robles

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia Gause Aldana, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney