

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 10-16, 2024, AS CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM WEEK IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) administered in Alabama by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Child Nutrition Section, reaffirms the vital role positive nutritional habits play in the healthy growth of children; and

WHEREAS, ALSDE recognizes the importance of nutritional education for the most vulnerable and youngest children, as well as adults, through CACFP care centers and homes across the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the CACFP provides daily meals and snacks to children and adults which increases the quality of care; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Alabama served 27.5 million meals through the CACFP to children and adults at more than 646 child and adult care centers; and

WHEREAS, the innovative approach to CACFP implementation, which pairs childcare homes and centers, adult day care centers, and after-school sites with ALSDE highlights a unique public-private partnership that supports working families and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the third week of March is annually recognized as “National CACFP Week” to raise awareness of the child and adult care food program and the nutritional benefits established by the USDA:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate March 10-16, 2024, as “National CACFP Week” in Alabama.

Done this 14th day of March 2024