

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 17-21, 2025,
AS “CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM”
IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in Alabama through the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Child Nutrition Program Section, which reaffirms the vital role that 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 Alabama; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2024, Alabama served 23.2 million meals through the CACFP to children and adults at more than 770 care centers; and

WHEREAS, the innovative approach to CACFP implementation, which pairs childcare homes and centers, adult daycare 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 expresses its appreciation to Child Nutrition Program professionals who make the Child and Adult Care Food Program successful in 1,445 child and adult care sites statewide.

Done this 13th day of March 2025