

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 587

Designating the third week of March 2024 as “National CACFP Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2024

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the third week of March 2024 as “National CACFP Week”.

Whereas the third week of March is annually recognized as “National CACFP Week” to raise awareness of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (referred to in this preamble as the “CACFP”) of the Department of Agriculture;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture has reaffirmed—

- (1) the vital role positive nutritional habits play in the healthy growth of children in the United States; and
- (2) the importance of nutritional education for the most vulnerable and youngest children, as well as adults, through centers and homes throughout the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, the CACFP provided daily meals and snacks to more than 4,700,000 children and more than

113,000 adults in child care centers, adult day care homes, and after-school programs, providing almost 1,800,000,000 meals and snacks in total;

Whereas the CACFP not only provides nutritional meals and education but also increases the quality of child care in general, especially for children in low-income areas;

Whereas the innovative approach to oversight of the CACFP, which pairs child care centers, adult day care homes, and after-school sites with either a non profit sponsoring organization or a State agency, highlights a unique public-private partnership that supports working families and small businesses;

Whereas, although child care can be expensive in many locations throughout the United States, the CACFP increases the effectiveness and viability of child care centers and adult day care homes for many providers, especially in rural areas; and

Whereas an increasing number of studies demonstrate that access to the CACFP can measurably and positively impact the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical health and development of children, leading to more favorable outcomes, such as—

(1) a decreased likelihood of being hospitalized;

(2) an increased likelihood of healthy weight gain;

and

(3) an increased likelihood of a more varied diet:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning on March 10,

3 2024, as “National CACFP Week”; and

1 (2) recognizes the role of the Child and Adult
2 Care Food Program in improving the health of the
3 most vulnerable children and adults in child care
4 centers, adult day care homes, and after-school care
5 in the United States by providing nutritious meals
6 and snacks.

○