

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 656

Designating the third week of March 2026 as “National CACFP Week”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22, 2026

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

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the third week of March 2026 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 pre-  
amble as the “CACFP”) of the Department of Agri-  
culture;

Whereas the Department of Agriculture has reaffirmed—

(1) the vital role positive nutrition habits play in the  
healthy growth of children in the United States; and

(2) the importance of nutrition education for the  
most vulnerable and youngest children, as well as adults,  
through centers and homes throughout the United States;

Whereas, in 2025, the CACFP provided daily meals and  
snacks to more than 4,500,000 children in child care cen-

ters, family day care homes, emergency shelters, and after-school programs, and more than 120,000 adults in adult day care, providing almost 1,700,000,000 meals and snacks in total;

Whereas the CACFP not only provides nutritious meals and education but also increases the overall 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, adult day care, and after-school sites with 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 and adult care small businesses 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 15,

3       2026, 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, family day care homes, emergency shelters,  
5           adult day care facilities, and after school care in the  
6           United States by providing nutritious meals and  
7           snacks.

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