

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas The National Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a partnership between parents, children, providers, and the CACFP sponsor, emphasizing the important role that the CACFP plays in promoting lifelong healthy eating habits in children and also emphasizing the importance of the CACFP to promote physical activity in family child care homes and child care centers; and

Whereas CACFP provides approximately 2 billion meals and snacks to over 4.6 million children; and

Whereas The primary goal of the CACFP is to serve nutritious meals to children attending child care homes and centers, especially those from lower economic circumstances, and its secondary goals are the establishment of lifelong, positive eating habits, reduction of future health care and education costs due to lack of proper early development, and training and support of local child care personnel; and

Whereas Proper nutrition is vital to the physical, intellectual, and emotional development of young children; and

Whereas Proper nutrition during the early years of childhood, along with eating patterns and habits established during these years, ensures appropriate development, reduces physical and educational problems later in life, and helps determine the quality of one's diet throughout life; and

Whereas Within our state, 7,703 providers are enrolled in the CACFP, with approximately 84,675 children directly benefiting from the food program, and within our state, 139 providers serve 7,899 seniors daily,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim the week of March 15th -21st, 2020, to be,

## NATIONAL CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM WEEK

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fifth Day of March, in the year two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of Kayn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in blue ink.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts