

Proclamation

WHEREAS, childhood hunger is a problem that affects almost every community in this country; and

WHEREAS, more than half of Colorado households with children are facing food insecurity as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, during the school year, 30 million kids and teens receive free or low-cost lunches through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP); and

WHEREAS, during the summer, when schools are closed, many kids and teens relying on such meals do not receive adequate nutrition; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps kids and teens receive nutritious meals at no cost so they are ready to learn when they return to school in the fall; and

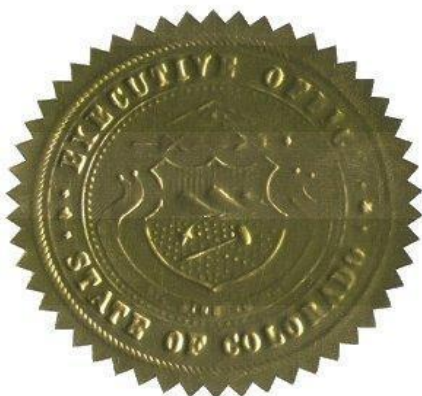
WHEREAS, children living in food-insecure homes suffer two to four times as many health problems and are less likely to reach their academic potential; and

WHEREAS, we need to ensure all kids and teens in Colorado have enough nutritious food to eat year-round;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2021 as

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of July, 2021

Jared Polis
Governor