



WHEREAS, childhood hunger is a problem that affects communities across this country; and

WHEREAS, 17% of Colorado households with children were not eating enough food because food was unaffordable; and

WHEREAS, during the school year, nearly 30 million kids and teens receive free or low-cost lunches through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; 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 contributes to children's healthy growth and development by providing them with 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 2024, 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, 2024



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor