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**WHEREAS:** The CACFP will continue its commitment to the benefits of nutritious eating for children and adults. Together, as Americans, we can make a difference in the lives of our children.

**Now therefore**, I, [Name], Governor of the State of [your State], do hereby proclaim the week of March 10-16, 2024, to be **NATIONAL CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM WEEK.** I urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting every child’s nutritional needs to unite on that week in the observance of the necessity of child and adult care food programs to provide quality child care and nutrition security to children and older adults in our community.

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Governor’s Signature Date

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**Ask Your Governor to Issue a State Proclamation**

Share these outreach materials with your state governor’s office now, and together with other sponsors and providers from across the state, petition for a state proclamation to coincide with National CACFP Week. It’s a grassroots effort that, when fulfilled, will serve to raise awareness in your state government as well as community members across your state.

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(Insert Elected Official’s Title) Signature Date

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**Ask Your Local Elected Official to Issue a City Proclamation**

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