



URGING THE PASSAGE OF A CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION THAT SUPPORTS HEALTHY MEAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND TEENS

Committee: Health

Resolution: HEA-17-03

1. **WHEREAS**, infants, children, and teens should have access to healthy food, no matter
2. where they live, yet 16.2 million children in this country live in food insecure households
3. and rates of food insecurity were substantially higher for households with children
4. headed by single women or single men, and Black- and Hispanic-headed households;
5. and
6. **WHEREAS**, federally funded child nutrition programs exist to serve these age groups,
7. but barriers to increasing participation often exist due to piecemeal authorizing legislation
8. and inflexible regulations; and
9. **WHEREAS**, the 2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization offers an opportunity to update
10. the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Summer Food Service
11. Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
12. for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition
13. Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and the Special Milk Program; and
14. **WHEREAS**, the improvements to nutrition and quality of School Lunch Program meals
15. included in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 resulted in clear increases in fruit
16. and vegetable intake without increased food waste and without decreased revenue or
17. participation in the vast majority of the nation's schools; and
18. **WHEREAS**, only about half of the students in this country that receive free- or
19. reduced-price lunch also receive School Breakfast, and there are innovative models, such

20. as Breakfast in the Classroom, that have shown increases in participation; and

21. **WHEREAS**, only one in seven kids who may need summer meals receives them, and the

22. 2015 Child Nutrition Reauthorization offers an opportunity to update the Summer Food

23. Service Program which includes provisions that would reduce red tape, increase

24. eligibility, and allow sites to serve three meals per day, giving children the same access to

25. meals that they have during the school year; and

26. **WHEREAS**, the Child and Adult Care Food Program served 551 million meals in 2013

27. and provides funding for meals for some of the most vulnerable populations such as

28. at-risk and homeless children; and

29. **WHEREAS**, WIC has improved at-risk children's health, growth and development, and

30. prevented nutrition-related and other health problems for 40 years, and promotes

31. breastfeeding, reduces childhood obesity and improves cognitive performance of young

32. children, and reduces the risk for preterm birth and low birth-weight babies by 25% and

33. 44%, respectively, and for every dollar spent on a pregnant woman in WIC, up to \$4.21 is

34. saved in Medicaid; and

35. **WHEREAS**, 1.7 million WIC participants received Farmers Market Nutrition benefits in

36. 2012 to increase their ability to purchase and eat fresh, healthy, local produce; and

37. **WHEREAS**, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides produce snacks to children

38. in low-income schools, increasing their fruit and vegetable intake and familiarizing them

39. with eating produce; and

40. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The United States

41. Conference of Mayors supports the ability of cities to provide access to healthy and

42. affordable meals before, during and after school for all children, all year long; and
43. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women supports the continued funding
and
44. expansion of child nutrition programs; and
45. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women opposes any rollbacks to the
46. nutrition standards included in the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010; and
47. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women supports the expansion of
School
48. Breakfast and innovative delivery models such as Breakfast in the Classroom; and
49. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women urges Congress to allow for
more
50. flexibility around where children are able to eat Summer Meals, by allowing them to pick
51. up meals from sites and eat them at home, or allowing states the option to provide
52. low-income families with additional funds for groceries during the summer, and that
53. children be allowed to eat three meals a day through the program by removing any
54. restrictions to the number and type of meals that may be served; and
55. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women endorses the full continuous
56. funding for the WIC program to reach all nutritionally at-risk, eligible women and
57. children with nutrition services and supplemental foods and to encourage and support
58. breastfeeding, healthy eating, physical activity, and overweight prevention for children
59. and their families; and
60. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women supports programs that increase

61. access to fresh, affordable produce for children such as the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable
62. Program and WIC FMNP; and
63. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women urges Congress to continue to
pass
64. federal legislation that reflects the innovation and flexibility that cities have demonstrated
65. in implementing pilots and other federal programs; and
66. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOBEL Women supports passage of a Child
67. Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act, which incorporates the above stated goals and
68. principles, before its current expiration of September 30, 2015.

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