



By the Honorable Nancy Skinner, 9th Senatorial District;
and the Honorable Mia Bonta, 18th Assembly District;
Relative to Commending the

Nutrition Policy Institute

WHEREAS, The Nutrition Policy Institute (NPI) is celebrating its tenth anniversary, and it is appropriate at this time to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Founded on February 18, 2014, as a statewide research institute within University of California (UC) Agriculture and Natural Resources, NPI is guided by its mission to conduct and translate policy-relevant research to improve nutrition and physical activity to prevent food insecurity, obesity, diabetes, and other related health problems; and

WHEREAS, Envisioning a world in which healthy food and beverages and opportunities for physical activity are accessible, affordable, equitable, and sustainable for everyone, NPI prizes research that provides a strong basis for public policies that can eliminate health disparities, including studies showing that school meals improve the overall diet of students, and California since became the first state in the nation to permanently adopt school breakfast and lunch at no charge, providing access to better nutrition for more than 6 million students annually; and

WHEREAS, Having further demonstrated that cooking from scratch in school kitchens does not cost more than selling pre-packaged foods and that children prefer freshly prepared meals, NPI's research contributed to the United States Department of Agriculture's funding of \$30 million for school kitchen equipment in fiscal year 2018 alone; and

WHEREAS, NPI has also conducted research that inspired California's policy that all students will have access to 30 minutes of recess each day; increased funding for fruit and vegetable purchases in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; California's Healthy Beverages in Childcare law; and requirements for lead testing and remediation in California schools and childcare settings; and

WHEREAS, From its research demonstrating that 40 percent of UC students struggle with food insecurity, NPI has prompted ten UC campuses to add Basic Needs Campus Centers to combat food insecurity, and the UC system now has a healthy vending policy centered on evidence-based guidelines, providing more than 280,000 students and 227,000 faculty and staff members with access to healthier vending options; and

WHEREAS, By collaborating with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations, NPI has helped expand the purchasing of California-grown produce for state prisons through a Farm to Corrections Harvest of the Month program, which benefits incarcerated persons, prison staff, and California growers and food distributors; and

WHEREAS, NPI also showed that comprehensive, more intensive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education interventions support better fitness and diet-related outcomes in children, leading to more effective healthy eating and active living efforts that can reach up to one-third of Californians, and its evaluation that dollar-for-dollar match incentive programs at farmers markets for participants of CalFresh help families purchase additional California-grown fruits and vegetables, has supported the State of California's millions of dollars in funding to continue these match benefits; and

WHEREAS, A resource for the California State Legislature and other state, local, and federal governmental bodies, NPI provides reliable, science-based, and policy-related input and assessments of the effectiveness of policy implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR NANCY SKINNER AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER MIA BONTA, That the Nutrition Policy Institute be congratulated on the celebration of its tenth anniversary, commended for the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in the State, and extended best wishes for continued success in the future.

Joint Members Resolution No. 42
Dated this 18th day of February, 2024.


Honorable Nancy Skinner
9th Senatorial District




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