

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor
Cynthia A. Carrasco

WHEREAS, summer is the hungriest time of year for many children when families struggle to make up for lost school meals, and food insecurity tends to increase; and

WHEREAS, 53 percent of school-aged kids—30 million in total—qualify for free or reduced-price school meals but don't get these meals when school is out for the summer; and

WHEREAS, children who are food insecure are more likely to miss school, perform worse academically, experience social, emotional, and mental health challenges, forego healthcare, and develop chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option and the Summer Food Service Program, which are funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by state agencies, play a vital role in helping children from low-income and food-insecure households get the nutrition they need during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, traditional summer meal programs have historically only reached 1 in 7 kids who rely on free or reduced-price meals during the school year; and

WHEREAS, summer meal programs are most effective when paired with educational and enrichment activities, which provide students a fun, safe place to be with friends and stay active, help curb the learning loss experienced during the summer months, especially among low-income children, and prepare students to return to school ready to learn and thrive; and

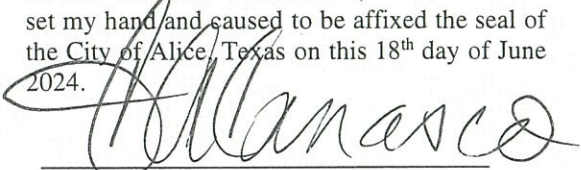
WHEREAS, my administration is committed to increasing awareness about summer meal programs and helping ensure that more kids have access to summer meal sites in the City of Alice, so no child goes hungry this summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Cynthia A. Carrasco, Mayor of the City of Alice, do hereby proclaim Summer 2024 as

Summer Meals Program 2024



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Alice, Texas on this 18th day of June 2024.


Cynthia A. Carrasco, Mayor