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Dear Food Purveyor,

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The Solano County Department of Resource Management, Environmental Health Division will be conducting its annual campaign during the month of September, which is National Food Safety Education Month. This year we will continue our efforts to target areas which make the greatest difference in protecting public health, our focus will be on approved sources of food in our food facilities and community. Throughout the month, Environmental Health staff will be conducting focused inspections at hundreds of food facilities to assess compliance with food sources, labeling, and providing operators with onsite training and educational materials as needed to improve these practices. Food establishments that demonstrate exemplary knowledge will be issued a certificate of recognition that can be posted for customer viewing.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that each year roughly 1 out of 6 Americans become ill, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die from foodborne diseases. Sourcing food from approved manufacturers and ensuring that they are labeled correctly prevents illnesses such as botulism and death due to unlabeled allergens. Our community assumes if they purchase items from a food vendor that the food was purchased, stored, and served in a manner that prevents them from an unintended illness; this campaign aims to educate the regulated community and the public on what is and is not a safe source of food to purchase. For example: if meat is not custom slaughtered where it is purchased, the packaging must display a USDA stamp to be an approved source; also vendors on the street that have no means to maintain food temperature are not safe sources in our community.

Nationally, reducing foodborne illness by just 1% would keep 500,000 Americans from getting sick each year; and reducing foodborne illness by 10% would keep 5 million Americans from getting sick. Please join Solano County in this initiative to improve public health and save lives by preventing foodborne illness, by buying food from approved sources.

For further information contact Solano County Department of Resource Management, Consumer Protect Program at (707) 784-6765 or by email at: consumer@solanocounty.gov

Regards,

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