



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

May 13, 2025

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Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

25-076 - Resolution to Recognize Food Allergy Awareness Week

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, as more than 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18.

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy is increasing among children and adults.

WHEREAS, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame. Food allergy reactions can range from mild symptoms to severe reactions, such as anaphylaxis.

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death.

WHEREAS, every 10 seconds, food allergy sends a patient to the emergency room. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic.

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade.

WHEREAS, childhood food allergies cost U.S. families \$34 billion each year.

WHEREAS, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments.

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we recognize May 11-17, 2025 as Food Allergy Awareness Week in the City of Medford and encourage the residents of Medford to increase their understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Be it Further Resolved that we request that the Mayor issue a proclamation to the same effect.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None