



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR**PROCLAMATION**

05/11/2008

May 11-17, 2008, as "Food Allergy Awareness Week"**PROCLAMATION**by the
Governor of the State of California

Millions of people in the United States have food allergies, and children under three are especially susceptible to their effects. Unfortunately, these allergies and anaphylaxis, the deadly reaction caused by them, result in more than 150 deaths and 30,000 hospital visits each year.

Many times, it only takes a small amount of a food allergen to trigger a reaction. Some of the possible effects are hives, itchy eyes, runny nose, difficulty breathing, shock and even death. Allergies can be better kept under control, however, by taking careful precautions such as reading ingredient labels, learning how foods are prepared when eating out and creating an allergy management plan in the event of an occurrence.

Food Allergy Awareness Week is a great opportunity to learn about the actions we can take to protect ourselves, our loved ones and friends. I encourage Californians who experience these allergies or think they might have them to seek assistance from a medical professional and take necessary precautions so that they may stay strong and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2008, as "Food Allergy Awareness Week."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of May 2008.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California**ATTEST:**DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State