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NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION MONTH
September 2017

By the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture is strongly committed to food safety and to highlighting food safety's critical role in the health and well-being of the American people through the prevention of foodborne illness; and

WHEREAS the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture focuses on protecting public health by working diligently to ensure the safety of the Nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and processed egg products; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides information to millions of consumers and food preparers on the safe handling, preparation, and storage of food, both in seasonal public information campaigns and throughout the year, via educational resources such as the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, Ask Karen Web site, and FoodKeeper app;

NOW, THEREFORE, to further awareness of the value of food safety education, I, Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as National Food Safety Education Month. I encourage the people of the United States to celebrate the importance of food safety with educational activities and observances that promote food safety measures for the benefit of individuals and families across the Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of September 2017, the two-hundred forty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonny Perdue".

SONNY PERDUE
Secretary