

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 2012 theme of National Food Safety Education Month, “Be Safe — Don’t Cross-Contaminate,” focuses on the importance of food safety education and training for food service professionals to prevent foodborne illness; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year one in six Americans gets sick by consuming contaminated foods or beverages; and

WHEREAS, food service professionals and people in their own homes can prevent incidents of foodborne illness by washing hands; keeping raw meat, poultry and seafood and their juices apart from other food items; keeping countertops clean after preparing food; and using one cutting board for raw meat, poultry and seafood and another for salads and ready-to-eat food; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Health Department is committed to preventing foodborne illness and educating food service professionals and residents of Fairfax County on safe food handling practices and procedures; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim September 2012 as

Food Safety Education Month

in Fairfax County and urges all residents and restaurant owners and operators to promote safe food handling practices and procedures throughout the year.



Sharon Bulova, Chairman,
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

July 31, 2012

Date

