

RESOLUTION
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

2007 FARM BILL AUTHORIZATION

Whereas Family and Consumer Science professionals conduct research and provide informal education for youth and adults in health, nutrition, food safety, human development, and financial management for individuals and families, and

Whereas families in the United States are impacted by increased housing and energy costs, rising health care costs as individuals and families have greater concerns about health and wellness, expectations to provide care in multi-generational family settings, declining education scores in schools, growing crime and prison population, expectations to balance family and work, and declining resources that deter families from reasonable quality of life, and

Whereas Family and Consumer Science professionals have the capacity and research base to address the current and emerging issues impacting individuals and families, and

Whereas Family and Consumer Science professionals employed through Land Grant university Extension and Outreach are the primary research- to- practice educational link between the university and local communities, and

Whereas the Farm Bill authorizes funding for USDA Cooperative States Research Education and Extension Service (CSREES) which provides funds to Land Grant universities located in each state and in United States Territories to develop and deliver programs based on local needs identified by citizen advisory groups, and

Whereas the Farm Bill authorizes funding for the School Lunch Program, Women, Infant and Children (WIC), and Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) that provide nutrition and health resources and education, and

Whereas Family and Consumer Science Extension educators and other FCS professionals collaborate with WIC, FSNEP, School Lunch Program, and other state and local organizations and agencies to enhance the limited funding authorized via the Farm Bill,

Therefore, be it resolved that the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences supports increased authorized funding in the Farm Bill for research, education and resources that enhance Family and Consumer Science Extension Educators, university researchers, as well as other agencies and organizations that address current and emerging needs of individuals and families living in both rural and metropolitan communities so they might improve their quality of life by understanding and applying research based practices.

Submitted by AAFCS Policy Committee

