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Secretary of State Alex Padilla Applauds New Federal Rule Requiring Calorie Labels on Fast Food Menus

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla today applauded a decision by the Food and Drug Administration to uphold an Obama-era rule requiring calorie information on menus in chain restaurants. In 2008, then-State Senator Padilla authored and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law SB1420 making California the first state in the nation to require the posting of nutrition information.

Secretary Padilla released the following statement:

"Ten years ago, in an effort to combat the obesity and diabetes epidemic, California became the first state in the nation to require chain restaurants to post calorie information on menus and menu boards. I'm proud that this policy is now in effect nationwide helping consumers make informed choices when eating out. Restaurants have further responded by modifying menus and providing healthier options. President Obama included this policy in the comprehensive Affordable Care Act."

"I applaud the Food and Drug Administration for reaffirming this critical public health initiative. By sharing nutritional information, we're creating healthy and mindful behaviors that will improve the health of Americans for years to come."

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