Proxy Designation Form to be copied onto Tribal Letterhead and emailed to the USDA FNS Point of Contact no later than March 14, 2024

Ms. Keri Bradford-Gomez Food and Nutrition Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1320 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314

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Dear Ms. Bradford-Gomez:

Under Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," and USDA Departmental Regulation 1350-002, "Tribal Consultation, Coordination, and Collaboration," USDA aims to respect Indian Tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor Tribal treaty and other rights, and meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal government and Tribal governments.

I recognize that because duly elected Tribal leaders, or their designee, trigger the government-to-government relationship with the United States, formal administrative requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act do not apply to this meeting.¹

I am unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on March 15, 2024. I hereby designate:

who holds the position of _____ within the Tribe to act as my proxy for this meeting.

¹ See the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix – Federal Advisory Committee Act; 86 Stat. 770, as amended.)

Sincerely,