## RECIPE OF THE Month

## **Mediterranean Spinach Soup**

Enjoy a hearty, high-fiber bowl full of flavor.

- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, diced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp minced garlic
- 4 cups sodium-reduced chicken broth

- 2 15-oz cans red beans, drained and rinsed
- 8 cups baby spinach leaves, coarsely chopped
- 3 tbsp fresh lemon juice Grated Romano cheese to taste
- In large pot, heat oil over medium temp; add onion and carrot and cook, stirring, 4-5 minutes.
- <sup>2</sup> Stir in garlic; add broth and continue cooking.
- Image: Meanwhile, mash half the beans (with 1 tbsp soup broth) until creamy; stir into soup and add remaining whole beans.
- Beduce heat, add spinach; cover and simmer 30 minutes.
- **6** Stir in lemon juice, and garnish with cheese.

## MAKES 7 CUPS. Amount per Cup:

152 calories | 10g protein | 2.8g fat | 21g carbs | 8g fiber | 355mg sodium