## **Celebration Granola**

Packed with natural goodness - make extra for healthy holiday gifts.

- 5 cups whole grain oats
- ½ cup almonds, sliced
- ½ cup **walnuts**, chopped
- ½ cup toasted wheat germ
- ½ cup flaked coconut
- ½ cup hulled, roasted sunflower seeds

- 3 cup brown rice syrup
- ½ cup honey
- ½ cup canola oil
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup raisins
- Preheat oven to 250°F. Combine the first 6 (dry) ingredients in a large bowl.
- 2 In a small saucepan, combine rice syrup, honey and oil; simmer over medium-low heat until mixture is hot and well blended. Remove from heat and stir in cinnamon and salt.
- Combine wet and dry ingredients until well blended and spread evenly over large, nonstick baking sheets that have been lightly coated with cooking oil spray.
- 4 Bake 10 minutes and stir, then bake another 10 minutes. Add the fruit and bake another 10 minutes. Tip: Granola should be golden, not toasted.
- Allow the granola to completely cool and dry before storing in airtight containers in the refrigerator, where it will stay fresh for up to 2 months.

**MAKES 22 HALF-CUP SERVINGS.** 

PER SERVING: 262 calories | 6g protein | 9.8g fat | 39g carbs | 4g fiber | 22mg sodium