

Resolution No. 2018 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, literacy is an essential skill for life-long learning and is vital to the social and economic well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the level of literacy needed to function in the workplace, the community, and the home has risen steadily with the advance of technology and the information age; and

WHEREAS, only 59 percent of American's are aware that literacy is even a problem in their community and is affecting their co-workers, neighbors and family members; and

WHEREAS, more than 60,000 adults in Solano County experience literacy issues that impact severely on their lives and families, their ability to work productively, their ability to read to a child, and their full participation as citizens and residents of Solano County; and

WHEREAS, many adults with low literacy skills are in their prime wage earning years and struggle to fill out a job application, write a resume or read a voter's guide, and as parents, are their children's first teachers, the children of low-literate adults have greater challenges in gaining the skills they need to succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, adult learners who attend an average of 100 hours of tutoring or literacy instruction average \$10,000 more in annual income; and

WHEREAS, last year, 189 literacy tutors and 149 other trained volunteers provided 18,777 hours of one-on-one tutoring, computer help and other instruction, supporting 317 adult literacy students through the Solano County Library Literacy Services program; and

WHEREAS, September 2018 is National Literacy Month showcasing the dedication and resilience of adult learners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize September 2018 as "National Literacy Month" in Solano County; and commends those adults who come forward, often against many odds, to seek and receive literacy services and who work tirelessly to achieve their personal, educational and employment goals, and to recognize the commitment of tutors and volunteers who give their time, support and encouragement to help adult learners succeed and achieve their goals in life.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2018

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk