

Resolution No. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY, INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EACH YEAR ON APRIL 2 TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE MILLIONS OF AMERICANS AND 67 MILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD LIVING WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day is internationally recognized each year on April 2nd to raise awareness about the millions of Americans and 67 million people around the world living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, autism affects children of all racial, ethnic and social economic backgrounds and is four times more likely to occur in boys than girls and 1 in 36 children have been diagnosed with autism; and

WHEREAS, ASD is detectable and research shows that children diagnosed at an early age (0-3 years old), and who visit their doctor regularly for treatment, show improvements in learning and communication skills. Early detection reduces the effects of autism; and

WHEREAS, parents of children with autism are the main advocates for their children, even when their child graduates from high school and become adults, they must still search for programs and services. Each year, over 50,000 young autistic adults and their parents struggle to find programs after leaving high school; and

WHEREAS, the experiences of individuals with autism vary widely, but their talents and potential are too often misunderstood or overlooked as they routinely face unnecessary obstacles to securing employment and health care, and children with autism face bullying and barriers to education; and

WHEREAS, adults with autism need high-quality learning opportunities and supportive services that build skills, as such organizations such as Found It in Suisun City are vital to help individuals with autism achieve success. Found It! provides peer support and social activities for autistic adults, helping them to have an active, independent social life and teaching them how to build relationships, learn basic skills and develop skills to deal with stress and life challenges; and

WHEREAS, we can work to end these disparities and ensure that people with autism overcome challenges and have an equal opportunity to reach their dreams by making sure that they and those who support them have the resources and tools they need to communicate, grow, work, and achieve greater independence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes World Autism Awareness Day as a time to raise awareness about individuals around the world, United States and in Solano County living with autism and to empower each of them with the skills and knowledge to become productive adults.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2025

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk