

# *Resolution No. 2016 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2016 AS SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH AND NOVEMBER 2016 AS PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States, more than 1,500 infants die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), making SIDS the third leading cause overall of infant mortality in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, although the overall rate of SIDS in the United States has declined by more than half since 1990, rates have declined less among non-Hispanic Black and American Indian/Alaska Natives; and

**WHEREAS**, risk reductions such as always placing baby on his/her back to sleep on a firm mattress, room-sharing without bed-sharing, keeping soft toys and blankets out of baby's sleep area, keeping baby warm but not hot, and never smoking around a baby all lower the risk of SIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, infants that are born at optimum birth with have lower risk of SIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than a quarter million infants, or 1 in 10 births, are born prematurely in the US each year may face weeks or months in the neonatal intensive care unit, as well as increased risk of serious medical complications and death; and

**WHEREAS**, lifestyle and environmental risks such as late or no pre-natal care, smoking, use of alcohol or drugs, exposure to domestic violence and abuse, lack of social support, and extremely high levels of stress may put a woman at greater risk for pre-term birth; and

**WHEREAS**, medical conditions including diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity may also contribute to premature birth; and

**WHEREAS**, expectant mothers who receive early prenatal care improves birth outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Health & Social Services' Public Health Division, Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Bureau is coordinating awareness, education, health and risk reduction related activities across the County during the months of October and November.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the month of October 2016 as SIDS Awareness Month and November 2016 as Prematurity Awareness Month in Solano County and urges all residents to support the health and well-being of all infants and their families.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

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ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk