

# Resolution No. 2019 - 201

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MATT O'REILLY AS THE SOLANO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR 2019/20

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, the Solano County Office of Education began recognizing exemplary teachers. The Teacher of the Year Program highlights educational innovation, student learning, and the rewards of teaching. Furthermore, this program pays tribute to the teaching force, the complexity of challenges that confront our schools, and the need to promote collaboration and teamwork to meet those challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt O'Reilly has been teaching at Benicia High School for ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. O'Reilly teaches visual and performing arts, broadcasting, art production and graphic design where he has engaged students from different abilities, beliefs and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. O'Reilly created "Panther TV," a unique student-run variety show that also communicates school information. His students have also created live projects for local businesses, charities, and organizations and participate in film festivals and art shows; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. O'Reilly has served as the Visual and Performing Arts Chair, led collaboration efforts through Project Based Learning with colleagues from other departments and mentored dozens of new teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. O'Reilly's teaching extends far beyond his classroom as he has worked with local businesses to find internships for students, arranges field trips to bring students and colleagues to work environments such as Pixar and Sony Interactive Entertainment, and connects students with opportunities with companies such as Film Mare Island.

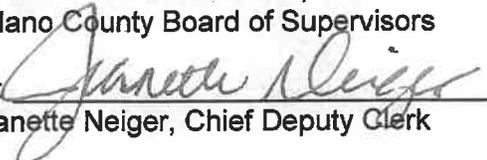
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Matt O'Reilly for his achievements and for his positive impact on the lives of hundreds of students, families, and faculty.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019



  
ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By:   
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk