

Resolution No. 2023-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 21, 2023 AS NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, December 21, 2023 is the first day of winter, or winter solstice, and is the longest night of the year; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have designated the winter solstice, typically December 21st of each year as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day. The longest night of the year and National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day coincide to shine a light on those members of the homeless population who have died in the past year. The first annual Homeless Persons' Memorial Day was commemorated in 1990; and

WHEREAS, not only in Solano County, but across the nation, hunger and homelessness continue to present serious challenges for public agencies and community groups who seek to address the problem; and

WHEREAS, an on-going housing crisis provides the potential for more people to live and die without shelter. According to the February 23, 2022 Solano County Homeless Census and Survey (point-in-time count), it is estimated that 1,179 people were either living in shelters (259 people) or on the streets (920 people) of Solano County. A point-in-time count of homeless persons living in shelters in 2023 saw that number rise to 280; and

WHEREAS, by joining together as a community to remember those who have died without shelter over the past year, we can honor their lives by working to provide solutions to end homelessness in our county and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize December 21, 2023 as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Solano County and respectfully remember those members of our community who have died homeless.

Dated this 5th day of December 2023

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLIN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk