

# *Resolution No. 2025 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2025, AS CENTENARIAN'S WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 1950, the U.S. Census Bureau started keeping detailed records of centenarians and estimated that only 2,300 Americans had reached the age of 100 or older, a strikingly small number with the average life expectancy at the time of just 68 years, highlighting how rare it was to achieve such an advanced age; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Pew Research Center, as of 2024, approximately 101,000 Americans were centenarians, representing just 0.03% of the population, and this number is projected to more than quadruple over the next three decades, reaching around 422,000, or 0.1% of the population, by 2054; and

**WHEREAS**, centenarians often enjoy exceptional longevity thanks to a combination of genetics, healthy lifestyle habits, strong social connections, resilience, and a positive outlook, defying the odds of aging and serving as inspiring examples of the possibilities of long, vibrant lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Solano County community members are centenarians or will reach the centenarian milestone during the 2025 calendar year, including from the City of Benicia: Helen Jacks, 102; From the City of Dixon: Lupe Cerna, 100; From the City of Fairfield: Jonnie Gibson, 99 (100 in November), Mary Calderon, 99 (100 in November), Josephine Seifert, 100, Millie Stressenger, 100, Rosa Cortes Manzo, 100, Maria Tavenier, 101, Marian Coles, 101, and Farideh Amirkhizi, 104; From the City of Suisun City: Elizabeth Tate, 102; From the City of Vacaville: Virginia Herman, 100, Arlene Moore, 100, Charlie Dohs, 100, Eugene Lyons, 100, Jacoba Kovisto, 100, Lanelle "Corky" Matthews, 100, Lilia Abastillas, 100, Peggy Bassford Byrd, 100, Ara Yager, 100, Jean Falkowski, 100, Patricia Castro, 100, Evelyn Podojil, 101, Gloria Townsend, 101, Helen Louise Melvin, 101, Margaret White, 101, Mildred Velky, 101, Tillie Nicholas, 101, Dona Cecilia Nunez, 102, Helen Devlin, 102, Oakley Dexter, 102, Pearl Joe, 103, Shirley Helmich, 103, Virginia Ruth Plunkett, 103, Lt. General John F. Gonge, 103, and Guadalupe Vidales, 104; From the City of Vallejo: Carmen Johnson, 99 (100 in December), Elizabeth Thomas, 100, Emma Lee Woodson, 100, Leona Burns, 100, Luther Hendricks, 100, Regina T. Graves, 100, Ruth Mae Harris Love, 100, Shirley Ibey, 100, Dorothy Herger, 101, Irene Acuna, 101, Josephine Williams, 102, Virginia Mangabat, 103, Leona Young, 104, and Adelina Diaz, 106; and from Solano County, Louis Mack Reese, Sr., 103; and

**WHEREAS**, no matter their age, religion, educational and socioeconomic status, centenarians serve as a guiding light and example of aging with dignity. Their contributions to our understanding of the aging process and how to age with self-respect and pride are laudable and worthy of recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 21-27, 2025, as Centenarian's Week in Solano County.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025

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MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk