

# Resolution No. 2013-40

## RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S LIGHT OF HOPE DAY (APRIL 18), CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY (APRIL 26) AND SPANKOUT DAY (APRIL 30)

**WHEREAS**, across America, the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association and its local member organizations set aside a day in April to recognize as Children's Light of Hope Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Memorial Flag Day was promoted in the United States by the Child Welfare League of America as a way of memorializing the thousands of children and teenagers who die violently each year; and

**WHEREAS**, SpankOut Day reminds us that children need guidance and deserve to grow up in an environment free from physical harm, recognizing that parents desire information and resources to enable them to raise their children with positive reinforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these observances focuses on the need to give children in our community, and around the country, a better chance for a safe and positive future; and

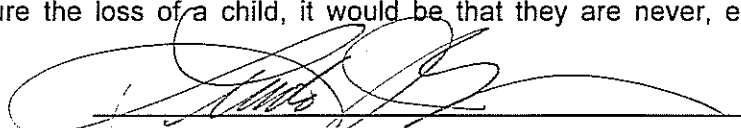
**WHEREAS**, in 2012, 22 children died who were residents of Solano County. Of these children, 15 were under one year of age. The primary cause of death for these infants is prematurity and 3 infants died of SIDS or sleep-related death. For older children, teenage motor vehicle accidents were the leading cause of death; and

**WHEREAS**, premature birth is the leading cause of death in Solano County for children under one year of age, and there is a need to support programs and initiatives that reduce preventable child deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solano District Attorney's Office of Family Violence Prevention, Health and Social Services Department/Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division, First 5 Solano, Children's Network of Solano County, Child Start, Inc., Child Abuse Prevention Council, Solano County Licensed Family Child Care Association, Solano-Napa Association for the Education of Young Children, Solano Family and Children's Services and Solano County Office of Education honors each child lost, and recognizes that effective prenatal care and child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social services agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

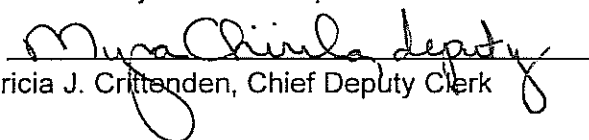
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 18, 2013 as Children's Light of Hope Day, April 26, 2013 as Children's Memorial Flag Day and April 30, 2013 as SpankOut Day in Solano County, and in doing so urges all residents to work to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect; support the development of caring, responsible adults, and know that if there is to be any comfort at all as we endure the loss of a child, it would be that they are never, ever, forgotten.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013



LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By:   
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk