

Resolution No. 2025-158

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JULY 29, 2025, AS THE 78th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND HONOR THE SOLANO REALTIST ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCING DEMOCRACY IN HOUSING

WHEREAS, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers, Inc. (NAREB) was founded in Tampa, Florida, on the evening of July 29, 1947, as an equal opportunity and civil rights advocacy organization for African American real estate professionals, consumers, and communities in the United States. On that night, the founders committed to the fulfillment of the principle, "Equal Housing Opportunity for All"; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the association has played varying influential roles in the implementation of equal rights, fair housing, equal opportunity, and community development legislation at the local, state, and federal levels. Significant policy achievements include the first local fair housing legislation in 1962 in New York City, the first state fair housing legislation in 1963 in California, and the first national fair housing legislation in both 1947 and 1968. It was the 1963 California legislation that propelled NAREB into national prominence; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Real Estate Brokers has a strong social activist history and culture of vigorously supporting equal opportunity and fair treatment in the real estate and community development marketplaces for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, a NAREB member is called a Realtist and represents all professional disciplines within the real estate industry. For 78 years, Realtists have been dedicated to the mission of "Democracy in Housing." Black families face considerable barriers to homeownership, and their financial gains from homeownership are not as substantial as those of white families. In 2023, the homeownership rate among black households stood at only 45.7 percent, in stark contrast to the 74.3 percent rate among white households, according to the 2024 State of Housing in Black America report; and

WHEREAS, Realtists service the home buying needs of African Americans and others through a 90-chapter network located in 33 states. In addition to a state-level association, this network includes the Solano Realtist Association. Locally, Solano County's Realtists believe in the principle that all citizens have the right to equal housing opportunities, regardless of race, creed, or color. Further, Realtists believe in preserving the rights of all Americans to homeownership and are dedicated to serving the unserved and underserved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes July 29, 2025, as the 78th anniversary of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers and honors the Solano Realtist Association for advancing democracy in housing.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2025



MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk

