

Resolution No. 2024-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 21, 2024, AS NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, December 21, 2024, 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 21 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, hunger and homelessness continue to present serious challenges for public agencies and community groups, in Solano County, and across the nation, 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 January 31, 2024, Solano County Homeless Census and Survey (point-in-time count, or PIT), it is estimated that 1,725 people were either living in shelters (289 people) or on the streets (1,436 people) of Solano County. This is an increase of 546 people (46.3%) from the last full Unsheltered PIT count conducted in 2022; and

WHEREAS, According to the Solano County Sheriff's Office, 46 homeless deaths have been reported and/or investigated by the Sheriff/Coroner's Office in 2024 (figure as of Nov. 18, 2024). 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize December 21, 2024, as National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Solano County and respectfully remember those members of our community who have died homeless.

Dated this 10th day of December 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk