

Resolution No. 2021 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING APRIL 18-24, 2021 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, during National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the spirit of service in America and honor those who demonstrate the great character of our country through acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering, and every year since that time, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors, and other elected officials has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week; and

WHEREAS, volunteers perform valuable work every day across the county and commit to do more for their neighbors in need. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates about 60 million people volunteer through or for an organization with a volunteer rate of approximately 24.6% – volunteering an estimated 7.8 billion hours, contributing a staggering \$167 billion to the US economy; and

WHEREAS, in Solano County, 791 volunteers served a combined 32,418 hours in 2020, all in support of County operations, serving, as master gardeners, 4H leaders, reading to children and adults, search and rescue, fire protection, community health, open space, the arts, transportation, resource conservation, public safety, religious support services, emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, an additional 136 Solano County volunteers participated in the County's Volunteer Center between April and September, making thousands of phone calls to older adults ages 69 years and older and those living with disabilities in Solano County as part of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic health emergency. Volunteers, including nursing students, community college students and AmeriCorps volunteers checked in with older adults to see if they needed access to food, meals, housing, transportation, medical, in-home support services, financial and/or rental assistance and mental health services due to isolation. Volunteers made a total of 37,496 phone calls – totaling 2,080 hours; and

WHEREAS, when tallied up, volunteers gave the equivalent of 15.5 full-time County employees time to assist and serve others in Solano County in 2020, significantly enhancing the County's programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors pause in its deliberations to proclaim the week of April 18 - 24, 2021 as National Volunteer Week in Solano County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors salutes and commends the volunteers across this county for their countless contributions and urge all residents to continue upholding this volunteer spirit and answering the call to service.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk