

Resolution No. 2017 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, counties are one of America's oldest forms of government, dating back to 1634 when the first county governments were established, and, ever since, county governments have continued to evolve and adapt to changing responsibilities, environments and populations; and

WHEREAS, today, America's 3,069 county governments serve more than 300 million Americans to provide the essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities while protecting the safety and welfare of all residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, governed by local elected officials, no two counties are exactly the same, each structured a little different from one other, using policy direction on a local level to determine the best way to deliver services to communities; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Brilliant Ideas at Work," where counties across America are encouraged to focus on the most innovative programs and services that strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, Solano County, like all counties, take seriously the need provide public health, justice, safety, infrastructure, transportation, technology, environmental stewardship and economic services and legislation that plays a key role in everything from residents' daily commutes to emergency response; and

WHEREAS, counties invest more than \$107 billion dollars annually in transportation and infrastructure, meaning anyone who commutes to work, uses public transportation, enjoys a park, swims at a community pool, dines in a restaurant, travels by airplane, recycles a bottle or flushes the toilet is directly affected by county government and the transportation and infrastructure they provide; and

WHEREAS, counties continue to invest heavily in the health and wellbeing of the community, often serving as a safety net for low-income and at-risk residents, with county departments providing a wide range of services, including the administration of flu shots, hospital and emergency rooms, clinics, mental and behavioral health services and responding to public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, counties play a major role in keeping our communities safe, including local law enforcement to patrol the streets and roads and operate and maintain county detention facilities. Counties are also on the forefront of justice, serving the public good with sheriffs, district attorneys, public defenders, court clerks, 911 operators and coroners; and

WHEREAS, counties provide vital services to all Americans, from issuing birth certificates and marriage licenses to building and maintaining park systems, community centers, libraries and cultural centers. Counties are responsible for managing elections, from local to presidential – all while balancing numerous administrative responsibilities, like billion dollar budgets – with the core mission to deliver the essential services to ensure healthy, vibrant and safe communities across these United States; and

WHEREAS, Solano County is committed to providing its residents with the programs and services they need, giving them the ability to thrive where they live, learn work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the month of April 2017 as National County Government Month in Solano County.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk