

Resolution No. 2017-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING APRIL 8-16, 2017 AS NATIONAL ROBOTICS WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 2009, universities and technology companies requested the United States Congress create a road-map for robotics. A year later, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1055, declaring the second full week of April as National Robotics Week; and

WHEREAS, robotics programs in Solano County's schools are effective and engaging methods for introducing and teaching the concepts of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Robotics programs have the ability to inspire youth to enter into STEM-related career fields, which provides for a highly-skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the presence of robotics continues to emerge in sectors such as healthcare, national defense, homeland security, manufacturing, logistics, agriculture and more. It is important to educate the public about the importance of robotics and encourage our youth to seek out career opportunities in robotics and STEM-related industries; and

WHEREAS, National Robotics Week is also a time to highlight robotics programs and events in the community. Schools in each of Solano County's six unified school districts, as well as the Solano County Office of Education, offer robotics and engineering courses or clubs dedicated to robotics. Within these courses and clubs, students build robots and compete amongst other programs from across the country and around the world through organizations such as the F.I.R.S.T. (For Inspiration and Recognition of Technology) Robotics Competition, VEX Robotics Competition and RoboPlay Robotics Competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 8-16, 2017 as National Robotics Week in Solano County. During National Robotics Week, we acknowledge the growing importance of STEM education and robotics. This observance serves to encourage schools, clubs and organizations to increase awareness and proclaim the importance of robotics in our society.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

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Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk