

Resolution No. 2017 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE FLORENCE DOUGLAS CENTER ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Florence Douglas Center, located at 333 Amador Street in Vallejo, serves over 3000 citizens ages 50 and older every month; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Florence Douglas invited a champion for Seniors, Lou Burgelin, to form a committee to study and organize the best way to open a Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, in early 1975 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development authorized \$100,000 and Mayor Douglas designated \$119,000 from the City of Vallejo to build the Senior Center on a vacant parcel on Amador Street. A final building permit was issued in 1976 and the Center was completed the following year; and

WHEREAS, at the Center's opening in 1977, then Councilmember, now Former Mayor, Terry Curtola, Jr. offered the resolution naming the Center after Mayor Florence Douglas; and

WHEREAS, through a \$30,000 "Walking for Health" grant with Sutter Health, Supervisor Hannigan partners with the Florence Douglas Senior Center to provide shoes for seniors. To date, the program has given away over 1,000 pairs of walking shoes and continues to offer opportunities to encourage walking and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, every day, participants 50 and over, arrive at the vibrant and welcoming center for recreation and social activities, art & crafts, educational programs, exercise, support groups, health and legal services, dining, including Meals on Wheels, and exciting trips; and

WHEREAS, the Florence Douglas Center continues to be a popular meeting place for the Clown Connection, Coin Club, Fifty Plus Club, Napa Solano Audubon Society, NARF, North Bay Rose Society, Piecemakers Quilting, FDC Gardening Club among many others; and

WHEREAS, the Florence Douglas Center orchestrated a rapid response shelter, coordinated efforts with the Red Cross, and set up an evacuation center for Vallejo residents in need after the 2014 earthquake and mobilized staff and volunteers to call all 800, current and past Florence Douglas Center members, to be sure they were okay, and to offer help to those in need; and

WHEREAS, over the past 40 years the Florence Douglas Center has created an environment that enables participants to enjoy a positive place to recharge, relax and reconnect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Florence Douglas Center on their 40th anniversary and urges every citizen to take time to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital citizens who greatly contribute to the community.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2017

ERIN HANNIGAN, Vice Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk