

Resolution No. 2017 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2017 AS FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, this year marks the 10th anniversary of Falls Prevention Awareness Day and this year's theme is "10 Years Standing Together to Prevent Falls;" and

WHEREAS, every 19 minutes, an older adult dies from a fall; making falls the leading cause of injury related deaths among people over the age of 65, and the leading cause of doctor visits, hospital admissions, emergency room visits, and trauma patients; and

WHEREAS, falling, and the fear of falling, can lead to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence; and

WHEREAS, the cause of falls is composed of multiple contributing factors including lack of strength in the lower extremities, the use of multiple medications, reduced vision, chronic health problems, and unsafe environments; and

WHEREAS, fatalities as a result of falls in the State of California exceeded the fatalities of motor vehicles occupant accidents, pedestrian accidents, and cycling accidents for all age groups combined in 2013, and non-fatal hospitalizations as a result of senior falls exceeded non-fatal hospitalizations from motor vehicles accidents, pedestrian accidents, and cycling accidents for all age groups combined in 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one-third of seniors over the age of 60 and half of seniors over the age of 80 will fall each year costing approximately \$37,000 per fall-related hospitalization in Solano County, not including costs associated with the emergency response systems or aftercare; and

WHEREAS, injuries from falls are a largely preventable community health problem; and

WHEREAS, at the federal level, the Safety of Seniors Act (S. 845) was passed in April 2008 calling for the expansion of public health programs, educational outreach, and research activities related to fall prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize September 22-28, 2017 as Falls Prevention Awareness Week in Solano County.

Dated this 12th day of September, 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