

# *Resolution No. 2017 –*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2017 AS ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LITERACY STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, September 2017 is Adult Literacy Awareness Month showcasing the dedication and resilience of adult learners who work tirelessly to achieve their personal, educational and employment goals by becoming more proficient English speakers, readers and writers; and to recognize the commitment of volunteer tutors who give their time, support and encouragement to help adult learners succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of low literacy include struggles with poverty, incarceration, homelessness and joblessness; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 60,000 adults in Solano County are considered functionally illiterate, hindering their ability to read to a child, follow simple directions, complete a job application, or order a meal off of a menu; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Library Literacy Services provides free literacy education for adults who want to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills by pairing them with dedicated volunteer tutors; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Library Literacy Services would like to recognize three students who have achieved milestone goals; they represent more than 280 students who are working on their own personal literacy-related goals; and

**WHEREAS**, after many years of working together, Richard Diaz (learner) and Anne Driscoll (tutor) have completed their work through Solano County Library Literacy Services because Richard now confidently reads and shares stories with his daughter, and started his own business; and

**WHEREAS**, Khatera Omari (learner) and Cynthia Gross (tutor) are continuing their partnership but are recognized by Solano County Library Literacy Services because Khatera continues to significantly improve her English reading, writing and speaking skills and recently became a citizen of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Olivia Chavira Mercado (learner) and Bill Maxwell (tutor) are continuing their partnership but are recognized by Solano County Library Literacy Services because Olivia recently passed the General Education Development Test (GED), earning her California High School Equivalency Certificate; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize these students; congratulates them for achieving their literacy goals; supports literacy in Solano County by recognizing September 2017 as Adult Literacy Awareness Month in Solano County; encourages residents to volunteer to help adults improve their literacy skills; and urges residents to learn more about the importance of adult literacy.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017

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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