Resolution No. 2017-240

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 1, 2017 AS WORLD AIDS DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the global epidemic of HIV infection and AIDS requires a worldwide effort to increase communication, education and united action to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) observes December 1st each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen worldwide efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the UNAIDS estimates that 36.7 million people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, with 1.8 million new cases of HIV and an estimated 1 million deaths from AIDS-related illness in 2016 worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the UNAIDS is encouraging a better understanding of the challenges of HIV/AIDS nationally as it recognizes that the number of people diagnosed with HIV and AIDS in the United States continues to increase with 1 million people in the U.S. now infected; 219,103 HIV/AIDS cases in California and 2,121 HIV/AIDS cases in Solano County, and 1 in 8 who do not know they are infected; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS day provides an opportunity to focus local, national and international attention on HIV infection and to disseminate information and promote HIV testing to reduce the spread of HIV; and

WHEREAS, the World AIDS Day 2017 theme, "Hands up for HIV Prevention" urges all Solano County residents to increase their awareness of the risk of HIV/AIDS for themselves, their partners, and their children and to recognize the importance of HIV testing to help stem the tide of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize December 1, 2017 as "World AIDS Day" and urges all residents to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global and local challenge, take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and join the global effort to prevent further spread of HIV/AIDS.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ/Chair

Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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

Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk