

Resolution No. 2018-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MARCH 20, 2018 AS AG DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY AND MARCH 18-24, 2018 AS AG WEEK NATIONWIDE

WHEREAS, Ag Day is recognized nationwide as a time to celebrate the bounty we receive from agriculture. Each year, farmers and ranchers, agricultural associations, businesses, educational institutions, government agencies and others join together to promote and recognize contributions to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Ag Day is celebrated on March 20, 2018. Ag Day falls during National Ag Week, March 18-24, 2018. Ag Day and National Ag Week offer a time to recognize the value of agriculture and celebrate the farmers and ranchers dedicated to producing food that helps to feed not only local residents, but people around the world. It provides an opportunity for individuals to better understand how our food and fiber products are produced. In addition, Ag Day and National Ag Week encourages everyone to appreciate the vital role that agriculture plays in maintaining a healthy and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, in addition to a national campaign, the Solano County Fair Association will host its 16th annual Youth Ag Day March 20, 2018. Youth Ag Day brings volunteers, local farmers and ranchers, businesses and agricultural agencies together in an educational and fun environment to learn about the important role agriculture plays in our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, more than 2,600 third-graders participated in the free event that is open to all third grade classes in Solano County. Visitors to Youth Ag Day at the Solano County Fair have the opportunity to participate in hands-on displays and presentations, meet baby goats and other livestock nursery animals, plant corn seeds to grow for the annual Solano County Fair and more; and

WHEREAS, with more than 80 crops grown, Solano County is the second-most diverse county agriculturally in the state. Solano County commodities are exported to nearly 40 countries across the globe. Of the roughly 860 farms in the county, 41 were certified for organic production, according to the 2016 Crop and Livestock Report. With such rich agricultural history and diversity, Ag Day and Ag Week provide an excellent time for individuals to learn more about agriculture and the farmers and ranchers of Solano County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RSOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes March 20, 2018 as Ag Day in Solano County and March 18-24, 2018 as Ag Week across the nation.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2018

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