

Resolution No. 2018-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ONE-QUARTER OF A MILLION BOOKS DISPERSED TO SOLANO COUNTY CHILDREN THROUGH THE REACH OUT AND READ PEDIATRIC LITERACY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Reach Out and Read is a national program that gives children a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read together; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatricians has declared literacy intervention as an essential component of pediatric care; and

WHEREAS, reading aloud to young children is one of the most effective ways to expose them to enriched language and to encourage specific early literacy skills needed to promote school readiness; and

WHEREAS, children from low-income families hear fewer words in early childhood, know fewer words as three year olds, have fewer literacy resources within the home, and are less likely to be read to regularly, all resulting in a significant learning disadvantage even before they have access to early preschool interventions; and

WHEREAS, studies in high-risk populations show that the Reach Out and Read model of early literacy promotion including advising parents about the importance of reading aloud, counseling parents about specific reading activities, and providing developmentally appropriate books to children at well child checkups, results in parents who are more likely to read with their children, and children who are more likely to have increased language scores compared to their peers who did not participate in this program; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Reach Out and Read program recently surpassed the milestone of dispersing one-quarter of a million books to Solano County children since its inception in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Library Literacy Services would like to recognize pediatric healthcare providers in Solano County who advocate for literacy through the Reach Out and Read program including, La Clinica and La Clinica North, Kaiser Permanente Clinics of Vacaville and Fairfield, Solano County Health and Social Services Pediatrics, NorthBay Centers for Primary Care, Community Medical Center of Vacaville, and David Grant Medical Center Pediatric Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Solano County Library would like to recognize the Solano County Library Foundation, NorthBay Healthcare Foundation, Kaiser Permanente, Travis AFB Spouses' Club, Soroptimist of Central Solano, Free Books for Kids, and First 5 Solano for their financial and in-kind support.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize, these organizations for the achievement of placing more than one-quarter of a million books into the hands of Solano County children and thanks them for their continuing support of the Reach Out and Read Program and encouraging the growth of the youngest of our Solano County Citizens.

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