Resolution No. 2018-51

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING APRIL 2018 AS "CHILDREN'S MONTH" IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Solano County is committed to the improvement of health and wellness of all those who live and work in our community and acknowledges the health, safety and well-being of young children in Solano County as critical components of the Solano County Board of Supervisors' strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, each year since 2006 Solano County has celebrated and observed the multiple children's events in April as "Children's Month"; and

WHEREAS, many community partners have joined together to expand awareness of young children's issues by promoting "April Children's Month" through public education and community events; and

WHEREAS, "Month of the Military Child" allows us to pay tribute to military children across the country for their ability to take on unique challenges and adapt to present and future changes that other youth their age never experience; and

WHEREAS, the Solano Children's Alliance is sponsoring the Blue Ribbon Campaign in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month to promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children, and the resources available to strengthen and support families; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Library, in conjunction with the American Library Association and public libraries across the country, celebrates April 8-14, 2018 as National Library Week and April 30, 2018 as "El Dia de los Niños/El Dia de los Libros" (Children's Day/Children's Book Day); and

WHEREAS, across America, the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association and its local member organizations set aside a day in April as Children's Light of Hope Day to recognize and acknowledge the CASA volunteers, foster and adoptive parents who have opened up their hearts and homes to abused and neglected children in our community; and

WHEREAS, Children's Memorial Flag Day is recognized in the United States by the Child Welfare League of America on the fourth Friday of April as a way of memorializing the thousands of children and teenagers who die each year, and as a day to raise awareness about the continuing problem of violence against children; and

WHEREAS, these observances focus on the need to give children in our community and around the country a better chance for safe and positive futures and supportive environments in which to thrive; and

WHEREAS, many local organizations have dedicated their efforts to ensuring that all Solano children receive the care, support and services crucial to their growth and development, to build better futures for everyone in Solano County and should be recognized for the work that occurs year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April 2018 as "Children's Month" in Solano County, and encourages all residents to work to support the health, safety and well-being of children and youth in Solano County.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2018

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair

Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO Clerk Solano County Board of Supervisors

Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk