Resolution No. 2018-164

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

WHEREAS, U.S. Congress approved a bipartisan resolution in September 2017 that designated September as "National Workforce Development Month" to promote the American workforce and acknowledge the crucial role workforce development plays in growing the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, Solano County's labor force participation rate is 58%, with 8,800 residents unemployed and 5,400 jobs openings; and

WHEREAS, the economic development in our region and the ability of our businesses and industries to compete in the regional and global economy is more than ever before dependent on the availability and quality of a skilled workforce and robust talent pipeline; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among local educational agencies, community colleges, local governments, local businesses, employment services providers, and workforce development boards provides for long-term, sustainable, and successful workforce development across traditional and emerging industries; and

WHEREAS, 9,633 individuals received basic employment services from Solano County's Job Centers, 576 individuals received intensive employment services and 402 businesses received talent services from the Workforce Development Board in Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, ongoing local implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provides unprecedented opportunities to develop the skills of local workers through access to proven workforce strategies such as sector partnerships, career pathways, and earn-and-learn models that support families while ensuring businesses find the skilled workforce needed to compete in the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, workforce development professionals provide the backbone for the County's workforce development efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of September 2018 as "Workforce Development Month," and honors all of those individuals in workforce development organizations and partnerships who play a vital role in our community, and recognizes the importance of workforce development to our county's economic and community growth.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2018

JØHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair

Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk Solano County Board of Supervisors

Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk