

Resolution No. 2018 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE VACAVILLE HERITAGE COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Vacaville Heritage Council was started by a dedicated group of volunteers in 1968 and would become a nonprofit organization in June 1969. For fifty years, its dedicated group of volunteers and board members have worked to preserve local history for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Vacaville Heritage Council is, "To collect and preserve ephemera, photography and biographies of local people, places and organizations for research, cultural and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, in one of its earliest historical preservation efforts, the Vacaville Heritage Council began restoring the Old Town Hall in Vacaville in 1969. The 1907 structure had once served as Vacaville's police station, city council chamber, fire station, local court and county jail. In 1977, teenager and Vacaville Heritage Council member Melodee Beelard began a research project on the building with the goal of having it recognized as a national landmark. In 1978, the Old Town Hall was nominated as a national landmark by the state Historical Resources Commission. That same year, the city granted use of the building to the Vacaville Heritage Council, which remains its home to this day; and

WHEREAS, the Vacaville Heritage Council and its Old Town Hall location make it a convenient place for Solano County residents to visit. Volunteers assist the public in examining documents or photographs. The Vacaville Heritage Council is also a place for members of the public to share their own historical information; and

WHEREAS, the Vacaville Heritage Council maintains a diverse collection of historical artifacts from throughout Solano County representing our region's rich agricultural heritage, Native American history and more. In addition to having digitized every single Armijo High School yearbook ever published, the Vacaville Heritage Council is also home to 455 bound volumes of the Vacaville Reporter newspaper dating back to the 1930's. Over the years, the Vacaville Heritage Council has taken the extra measure of recording interviews with notable individuals and longtime residents prior to their passing, so as to preserve their recollections of particular events and memories of Solano County for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Vacaville Heritage Council for its five decades-long commitment to preserving Solano County's historical artifacts and documents for the public's benefit and enjoyment.

Dated this 11th day of September, 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