

# *Resolution No. 2018-190*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2018 AS PREMATURETY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, each year in the United States, more than 380,000 infants are born before 37 weeks of gestation, making prematurity the leading cause of infant mortality and lifelong disability; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the overall rate of preterm birth in Solano County was 8.3 percent, lower than the prematurity rate for United States (9.8 percent); and

**WHEREAS**, optimum birth weight helps infants avoid stays in neonatal intensive care units; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 10 babies born prematurely in the United States each year may face weeks or months in the neonatal intensive care unit as well as increased risk of serious medical complications and death; and

**WHEREAS**, lifestyle, health, and environmental factors, such as late or no prenatal care, smoking, drinking alcohol or using drugs, exposure to domestic violence, lack of social support, extremely high levels of stress, and long working hours with prolonged periods of standing may put a woman at greater risk of pre-term birth; and

**WHEREAS**, medical conditions including previous preterm birth, pregnancy with multiples or certain uterine or cervical abnormalities, diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity may also contribute to premature birth; and

**WHEREAS**, expectant mothers who receive early prenatal care have better birth outcomes; and

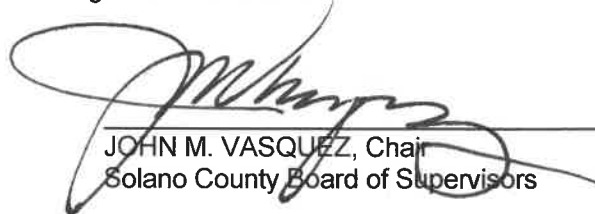
**WHEREAS**, pregnant women in Solano County have significantly improved entry into early prenatal care, from 71.3% in 2006 to 80.9% in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Health & Social Services, Public Health Division, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Bureau is coordinating awareness, education, health and risk reduction related activities across the County during the month of November.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of November 2018 as Prematurity Awareness Month in Solano County and urges all residents to support the health and well-being of all infants and their families.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018



  
JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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