

# *Resolution No. 2018-*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING SIMONA PADILLA-SCHOLTENS UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE WITH 34.8 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Simona Padilla-Scholtens migrated to the United States from Mexico at the age of 10; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens graduated from Armijo High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Solano College. Simona earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from California State University Sacramento; and

**WHEREAS**, while attending college, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens worked for a local certified public accountant who became her mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens successfully passed the national Certified Public Accountancy exam and became a licensed California Certified Public Accountant; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 1984 Ms. Padilla-Scholtens began her 34.8 year career with Solano County when she was hired as an Internal Auditor in the Auditor-Controller's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 1986, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens was promoted to Chief of Audits (Audit Manager); and

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 1994, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens was promoted to Assistant Auditor-Controller; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 24, 2004, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens was appointed Auditor-Controller to complete the remaining term of the retiring Auditor-Controller; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2006, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens was elected to her first term as Auditor-Controller, where she has continued to serve the citizens of Solano County, until her retirement on December 14, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2002, under Ms. Padilla-Scholtens' leadership, the County has received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the last 16 consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ms. Padilla-Scholtens' tenure, the Auditor-Controller's Office has received the State Controller's Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 16 consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens developed a Countywide Fund Balance and Reserve Policy that was adopted by the Board and continues to be a key policy that drives the County's fiscal stability; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, under Ms. Padilla-Scholtens leadership, the Auditor-Controller's Office implemented a Countywide Whistleblower Program to provide a process by which perceived incidents of fraud, waste and abuse can be reported and investigated; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ms. Padilla-Scholtens' tenure, she has served as a key member on both the County's Pension and Debt Advisory Committees who proactively make recommendations to the County Administrator's Office for managing the County's Pension Liability through the funding of the CalPERS Rate Stabilization Reserve and an IRS Section 115 Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Padilla-Scholtens held leadership roles in the State Association of County Auditors where she made significant contributions on various committees and served as President in fiscal year 2009/10; and

**WHEREAS**, during Ms. Padilla-Scholtens' tenure, Simona married John Scholtens and raised three children, John, Briana and Jesse; and

**WHEREAS**, December 14, 2018 marks the end of Ms. Padilla-Scholtens' historical career with Solano County where she leaves a legacy of strong fiscal leadership. Throughout her 34.8 years of County service, she has gained the respect of County elected officials, department heads, staff and local agencies through her demonstrated fiscal knowledge and abilities, and strong ethical standards and unwavering commitment to being accountable to the taxpayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Solano County Board of Supervisors commends and thanks Simona Padilla-Scholtens for her 34.8 years of exceptional and dedicated service to Solano County and wishes her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018

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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