

Resolution No. 2019-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING PATI NAVALTA POBLETE AS THE SOLANO COUNTY 2019 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Women's History Month in March is an annual national celebration that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, March has been designated in the United States as "Women's History Month" with this year's theme being "VISIONARY WOMEN: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence"; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, the Solano County Library Foundation has honored women leaders in our community for their contributions to society at the Women's History Month Luncheon. This year's honoree is Pati Navalta Poblete; and

WHEREAS, Pati Navalta Poblete is a longtime San Francisco Bay Area journalist and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer prize for her editorial series on the need for foster care reform in California; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Pati Navalta Poblete formed the Robby Poblete Foundation in memory of her 23 year old son, Robby, who was fatally shot in Vallejo on September 21, 2014. The foundation brings attention to gun violence through art, educational programs and other venues. To date, nearly 1,000 guns have been taken out of circulation through a buyback program and have been turned into art. The Art of Peace program is now featured in five cities; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership and guidance, the foundation has given over \$20,000 in apprenticeship scholarships to people from at-risk and high-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, Pati Navalta Poblete serves as the Executive Director of the foundation which is headquartered in Solano County. Its programs have been adopted in Alameda County, Richmond, San Francisco, Berkeley and Augusta, Georgia. It will soon be launched in Los Angeles. The foundation was named a 2018 California Non-Profit of the Year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Pati Navalta Poblete on this distinct honor and applauds her for her commitment to further peace and nonviolence in Solano County and beyond.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk