

# *Resolution No. 2019 –*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2019 AS ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH, ACKNOWLEDGING 25 YEARS OF LITERACY SERVICES IN SOLANO COUNTY, AND RECOGNIZING LITERACY STUDENTS, TUTORS AND SUPPORTERS**

**WHEREAS**, it is increasingly evident that our County's greatest resource is its people, and the ability to read, write and communicate effectively affects each individual's ability to participate fully in the social, political, and economic life of our County; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 60,000 or 20% of the adult residents of Solano County are considered functionally illiterate, lacking basic literacy skills, and an additional 32% of Solano adults are considered marginally illiterate bringing the total of adults to over 50% of our adult population who struggle with reading, writing and speaking, and need help building their skills to achieve their goals and participate fully in the benefits and opportunities in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, 2019 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year that volunteers of Solano County Library Literacy Services have helped hundreds of adults annually to improve their basic literacy skills and pursue opportunities for lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Library Literacy Services wishes to recognize those that support literacy in Solano County by volunteering their time, financial support, or work to continue improving their own skills, and have created annual awards to recognize those who have provided outstanding contributions to literacy in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beth Shedden Reach Out and Read Award recognizes an outstanding volunteer, medical provider or clinic for their efforts on behalf of literacy promotion in Solano County and is awarded to Beth Shedden for her untiring and ongoing promotion of literacy in Solano County for many years, and Soroptimist International of Central Solano for their consistent financial contributions to the Reach Out and Read Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Diane Robinson Lifelong Learner Award recognizes a literacy student for ongoing or dedication to learning and is being presented to Diane Robinson for her ongoing efforts to learning, achieving her goals and support of other literacy students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mary Undlin Volunteer Award recognizes a volunteer for their work supporting their student(s) and literacy in Solano County and is being presented to tutors Elaine Pulido and Yolanda DeVore for their years of volunteer service and the contributions they have made to helping many students learn to read and achieve their personal goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize September 2019 as "Adult Literacy Awareness Month" in Solano County and congratulates Solano County Library Literacy Services for providing 25 years of literacy services to the community.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019

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ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk

Solano County Board of Supervisors  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk