

# *Resolution No. 2019 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2019 AS CENTENARIAN'S WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there were approximately 80,000 centenarians, or people aged 100 years or older, living in the United States in 2019, according to a report from the American Association on Aging. That number is up 38 percent from 2000, when there were approximately 50,000 centenarians; and

**WHEREAS**, centenarians have defied life expectancy projections by at least 20 years, holding the keys to longevity and quality of life. Together they share several commonalities, including having a positive and optimistic outlook on life, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, are committed to their faith, practice clean living, including staying out of trouble, and have loving families; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers at the Boston University School of Medicine, New England Centenarian Study, have determined that genetics also plays a critical and complex role in determining who lives to 100 and who does not. This genetic influence becomes greater as we age, especially in those who live beyond age 103. While sheer luck no doubt plays a role in how long we live, centenarians with family members who also lived into old age are twenty-times more likely to live to age 100 than an average person; and

**WHEREAS**, the following Solano County community members are centenarians or will reach the centenarian milestone during the 2019 calendar year, including from the City of Benicia: Peter Caggiano, 99 (turning 100 in December); From the City of Fairfield: Viola Josey, age 100; Teruo "Ted" Miyagishima, age 100; Virginia Noordyk, age 100; Dorothy Hines, age 100; Charles "Charlie" Parsons, age 100; Eddie Mae Crummie, age 100; Lois Dittmer, age 100; Richard Marsch, age 100; Stanley Emerson, age 100; Linda Vasey, age 101; Mildred Healy, age 101; Irene Bruce, age 100; Charles Micks Gilbert, age 102; Lois Smylie Monez, age 102; Maria Galang, age 102; LaVonne Eyres, age 102; Robert "Sully" Sullivan, age 103; Dorothy Daviner, age 103; Ferril Mulock, age 101; Hazel Booher, age 104; Ellen Lipp, age 99 (turning 100 in October); From Rio Vista: Rose Blackburn, age 100; Luis Castro, age 101; From Suisun City: Delois "Lois" Brasher, age 100; Tillie Golden, age 102; Lucy Higgs, age 107; From the City of Vacaville: Ada Dito, age 99 (will turn 100 in October); Ed Dillion, age 100; Virginia Schmid, age 99 (turning 100 in November); Eva Hoekman, age 100; Cyril O'Neil, age 100; Julia Rico, age 100; Marian Bowen, age 100; Bernice Raemer, age 100; Elizabeth Freeman, age 100; Leona Elledge, age 101; William Oakes, age 101; Hazel Walters, age 101; Marge Bors, age 101; Valerie Rowden, age 102; Bruce Sooy, age 102; Gerald Simoni, age 102; Barbara Wilkins, age 104; Dorothy Pennycott, age 104; Perle Williams, age 106; From the City of Vallejo: Ollie "Jack" Wallin, age 101; John F. Turk, age 100; Gertrude Calit, age 101; Rachel Brautigan, age 101; Robert "Bob" Daine, age 102; Navarre Marshall, age 102; Ruth Marcacci, age 103; Valerie Haycock, age 107 and Reta Wills, age 108; and

**WHEREAS**, no matter their age, religion, educational and socioeconomic status, centenarians serve as a guiding light and example of aging with dignity. Their contributions to our understanding of the aging process and how to age with self-respect and pride are laudable and worthy of recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of September 22-28, 2019 as Centenarian's Week in Solano County.

Dated this 24<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