

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-26, 2019 AS NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2019 National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week theme is, “Dust and dirt with lead can hurt, keep kids away from lead where they play”; and

WHEREAS, childhood lead poisoning is a significant environmental health problem in California; it is a silent but harmful environmental condition that primarily affects children under six years of age because of their frequent hand to mouth activity and because children’s rapidly growing and developing bodies absorb more lead; children at or below the federal poverty level living in older housing are at greatest risk; and

WHEREAS, no level of lead in the body is safe; lead is a potent neurotoxin that can damage a child’s brain and nervous system; childhood lead poisoning may appear as learning and behavior issues; it is associated with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, developmental delay, speech and language deficiencies and cognitive deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, most children become lead poisoned from dust produced by deteriorating lead paint in homes built before 1978 or from lead contaminated soil; childhood lead hazards are most commonly associated with chipping or peeling paint and bare soil containing lead, but may also be caused by certain glazed ceramics and dishware, toys and jewelry, some home remedies, and religious and cultural powders such as sindoor, surma and turmeric; childhood lead hazards also include take-home work and hobby exposures that involve lead; and

WHEREAS, eating healthy foods can help keep children safe from lead; and

WHEREAS, most children with lead poisoning do not look or act sick; lead poisoning can only be identified with a blood test performed by a qualified medical professional; all children under age six years should be evaluated for lead poisoning risks and at-risk children should receive a blood lead test at 12 and 24 months; and

WHEREAS, Solano County’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and Department of Resource Management continue to work with medical providers in conducting recommended testing for lead poisoning in children and continue to identify environmental, cultural and product sources of lead in Solano County; and

WHEREAS, settlement of the lead exposure nuisance lawsuit brought by Solano County and nine other local jurisdictions against multiple paint manufacturers will provide Solano County with funds to be used to identify and abate lead hazards in homes of Solano County children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the week of October 20-26, 2019 as National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Solano County.

Dated this 1st day of October, 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