

# *Resolution No. 2019 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2019 AS PREMATURETY AWARENESS MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, premature (or preterm) birth is birth of an infant at less than 37 weeks of gestation; and

**WHEREAS**, premature birth and its complications are the largest contributors to infant death in the U.S. and are a major cause of long-term health problems in children who survive; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall rate of preterm birth in the United States is currently at 9.9 percent, with a rate of 8.7 percent in California; and

**WHEREAS**, in California the preterm birth rate among Black women is 44 percent higher than the rate among all other women, increasing further the disparity from prior years; and

**WHEREAS**, risk reduction strategies such as early, comprehensive prenatal care can help ensure newborns are born at optimum birth weight; and

**WHEREAS**, certain medical conditions including previous preterm birth, pregnancy with multiple fetuses or certain uterine or cervical abnormalities, diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity may also contribute to premature birth; and

**WHEREAS**, certain lifestyle, health and environmental factors, such as late or no prenatal care, smoking, drinking alcohol or using drugs, exposure to domestic violence, lack of social support, extremely high levels of stress, and long working hours with prolonged periods of standing may put a woman at greater risk of preterm birth; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County Health & Social Services Public Health Division, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Bureau is coordinating awareness, education, health and risk reduction related activities across the County during the month of November.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of November 2019 as Prematurity Awareness Month in Solano County and urges all residents to support the health and well-being of all infants and their families.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 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