

# *Resolution No. 2020 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 4-10, 2020 AS CENTENARIAN'S WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that there are approximately 80,000 centenarians, or people aged 100 years or older, living in the United States today, according to a report from the American Association on Aging. That number is up 14 percent from 2010, when there were approximately 70,000 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 2020 calendar year, including from the City of Benicia: Peter Caggiano, age 100; From the City of Dixon: Jose Trinidad Reyes, age 100; From the City of Fairfield: Rosalind Faraday, age 99 (100 in December), Robert Dittmer, age 99, (100 in November), Lois Dittmer, age 101, Gaylon Caldwell, age 100, Harry Carsch, age 100, Angelina Meredith, age 100, Charlotte Stack, age 100, Tsuyako (Grace) Miyagishima, age 100, Richard Betchley, age 100, Lois Fitzgerald, age 100, Marie De Laney, age 100, Serapio Cortes, age 100, Elsie Halsted, age 100, Mary Alice, age 100, Virginia Noordyk, age 101, Lois Dittmer, age 101, Dorothy Hines, age 101, Teruo (Ted) Miyagishima, age 101, Irene Bruce, age 102, Hazel Walters, age 102, Mildred Healy, age 102, LaVonne Eyres, age 103, Maria Luz Tobias Galang, age 103, Dorothy Daviner, age 103, Robert Sullivan, age 104, Hazel Booher, age 105; From Rio Vista: Katherine Donnelly, age 100; From Suisun City: Drucillia Cook, age 101; From the City of Vacaville: Janet Wilhart, age 99, (100 in November), Red Moak, age 100, Euratee Draper, age 100, Elda Dehnbostel, age 100, Bernice Raemer, age 101, Cyril O'Neal, age 101, Stanley Emerson, age 101, Julia Rico, age 101, Guillermo Valasco, age 102, Marjorie Bors, age 102, Valerie Rowden, age 103, Jerry Simoni, age 103, Bruce Sooy, age 103, Dorothy Pennycot, age 105; From the City of Vallejo: Eileen George-Traynor, age 99 (100 in December), Gwendolyn Morgan, age 100, Dometila Valentin, age 100, Lois-Evelyn Peais, age 100, Valerie Haycock, age 108, and Reta Wills, age 109; 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 October 4-10, 2020 as Centenarian's Week in Solano County.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

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ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk