

Solano County Library provides library materials, resources, information, entertainment and life-long learning opportunities to enrich the lives of people of all ages in Solano County. Literacy and reading are the main underpinnings of the service goals of Solano County Library, two themes which are also celebrated during National Library Week. El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all cultural and linguistic backgrounds and celebrates children, families and reading.

In 1986, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger designated April as the “Month of the Military Child” as a way to honor military children for their sacrifices and courage and to share with the world the important role military children play in the armed forces community. This brings the opportunity for community partnerships between organizations educating the public on the impact of deployment, creating community support networks, delivering educational, recreational and social outreach programs and ensuring that military youth become part of ongoing programs offered in the communities where they live.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with adopting this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt the resolution proclaiming April 2017 as “Children’s Month” in Solano County and acknowledging related observances for children. This is not recommended as this proclamation recognizes and supports awareness of children’s issues, promotes services available for children, their parents and other caregivers in the County and provides ways that community residents can support improvements in the programs and policies that enrich the quality of life for Solano’s children.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Solano County Library, Solano County Health and Social Services Public Health Division, Solano County Office of Education, Solano Children’s Alliance, Help Me Grow Solano, Children’s Network of Solano County, Solano County Local Child Care Planning Council, Travis Air Force Base, Solano County Licensed Family Child Care Association, Solano District Attorney’s Office of Family Violence Prevention, Solano Coalition for Better Health, Child Haven, local school districts and many other partners have joined together to promote awareness of young children’s issues by supporting observances for the many children and families issues commemorated in April of each year. “April Children’s Month” activities are being coordinated among numerous local children’s agencies and service provider organizations.