



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing April 3-9, 2017 as Public Health Week in Solano County (Supervisor Brown)

Published Notice Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Public Hearing Required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health & Social Services (H&SS) recommends the Board adopt and present a resolution recognizing April 3-9, 2017 as National Public Health Week in Solano County.

### **SUMMARY:**

During the past 20 years, the first week of April has been designated as National Public Health Week (NPHW) by the American Public Health Association (APHA). NPHW brings together communities across the United States (U.S.) to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nation. The NPHW theme is *Healthiest Nation 2030* and the goal is to encourage individuals and communities to help make the U.S. the Healthiest Nation in One Generation. Health & Social Services (H&SS) will host activities throughout the month of April to focus on the NPHW theme and the services provided by Solano Public Health.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The H&SS staff time associated with these events is budgeted within the Department's FY2016/17 budget. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Each year, the American Public Health Association (APHA) selects different public health issues around which to rally together and focus efforts to protect the nation's health. APHA's goal is to continue its broad vision to make America the healthiest nation in one generation by building on the National Prevention Strategy to improve health and wellness. This year's theme of *Healthiest Nation 2030* encourages individuals and communities to make eating healthy and being active an everyday way of life.

According to the APHA, the U.S. spends more on health care than other comparable countries, with numerous studies indicating we live shorter lives and struggle with more health issues including obesity, infant mortality, diabetes, heart disease and more. As a result, the APHA believes this to be the defining challenge of our generation - and one that we, the public health community, are uniquely positioned to overcome.

In recognition of National Public Health Week and promoting *Healthiest Nation 2030*, the following events are planned for the month of April 2017 in Solano County:

#### **Child Safety Seat Demonstrations**

Provides free car seat classes and inspections at the following locations:

- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Vallejo
- Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fairfield
- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Dixon

#### Confidential and Free HIV and Hepatitis C Rapid Testing

Mobile HIV testing is provided at various locations throughout the county, including:

- Wednesdays, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 2201 Courage Dr., Fairfield
- Thursdays, April 13<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 365 Tuolumne St., Vallejo

#### Mobile Dental and Primary Care Van

Family Health Services' Mobile Dental and Primary Care Vans will visit Mission Solano, Dixon Family Services, Global Success Center, Rio Vista CARE, and First Baptist Church in Vallejo in the month of April.

#### Safety Assembly and Bike Rodeo

Assemblies educate students about pedestrian and bicycle safety and Bike Rodeos provide a fun training course to teach kids safety skills including the rules of the road and how to check bikes for hazards such as wobbly seats or worn brakes:

- Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> in Dixon

#### A Walk with the Health Officer

Solano County employees are invited to take a walk with the Solano County Health Officer during National Public Health Week. These brief walks around the Fairfield, Vacaville & Vallejo H&SS campuses encourage staff to go for short 15-minute walks during their breaks to incorporate physical activity into their work day.

#### WIC Parent Education Classes

WIC will provide 100 education classes in April, including Breastfeeding, WIC Orientation, Baby Behaviors for Pregnant and Postpartum Moms, Feeding Your Infant, Feeding Your Older Infant and Breakfast Buzz to WIC clients in Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo.

In addition, the Department will provide outreach to local media outlets to increase awareness of the theme and events for the month. H&SS employees will also receive daily emails with tips and ideas about how every member of the community can improve their health.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board may choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended because this is an opportunity to raise awareness of issues important to improving the public's health.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

H&SS will partner with various Solano County agencies to promote Public Health Week, including Mission Solano, Dixon Family Services, Global Success Center, Rio Vista CARE, and First Baptist Church in Vallejo.

#### **CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**